

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

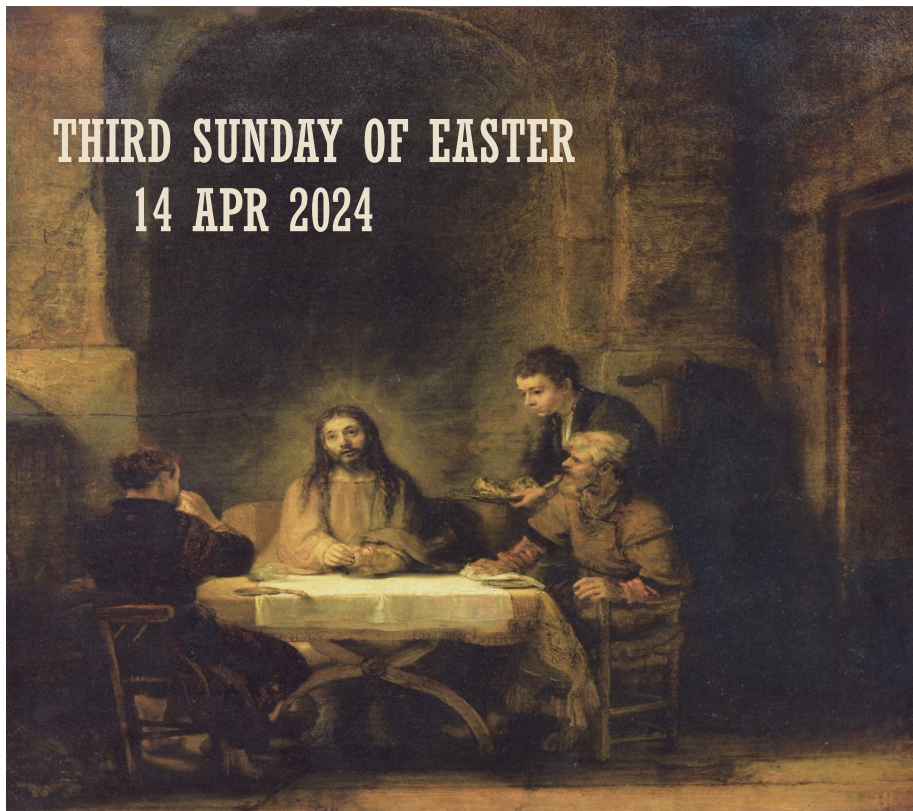
*We are home for the Roman Catholic family of Geary County, forming missionary disciples according to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ.*

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School Office: 785-238-2841 www.saintxrams.org



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**14 APR 2024**



## HOLY MASS

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

**Weekdays:** Tues & Wed - 5:30 pm

Thurs - 8:00 am Fri - 8:30 am

*These are our regular Mass times. Please refer to daily Mass schedule inside on Page 2 for any changes to Mass times for this week.*

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** 6:00 pm Tues - 1:00 am Wed

**Thursday:** 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

**Friday:** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Tuesday:** 6:00 pm following the Mass

**Friday:** 9:00 am following the Mass

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 5:00 pm

*You may also contact the Parish Office to set an individual appointment with Father.*

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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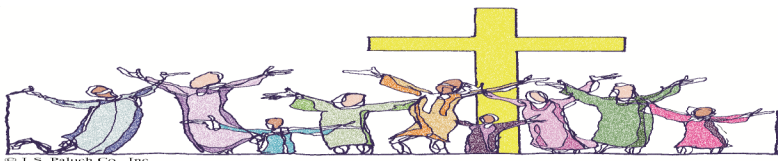
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Josh Lichtensteiger  
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# Welcome to our Parish

“Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society.”  
-St. Francis Xavier

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room  
† - Deceased

DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
<b>Sunday</b> 14 Apr 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	L/D members of the Slattery family	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239
	9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo L/D members of the Hahn and Eckenrode families	
<b>Monday</b> 15 Apr 2024		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C
<b>Tuesday</b> 16 Apr 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Charlie Braddy	Adoration 6:00 pm until 1:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 Apr 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Earl Weaver	St. Xavier Men’s Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm Rel Ed, Class and First Communion parent mtg, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
<b>Thursday</b> 18 Apr 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Ricky Hahn	Men’s SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm Circle I luncheon, 11:30 am, JCBBQ Finance Mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR CALLED, 7:00 pm, OLPH
<b>Friday</b> 19 Apr 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Ruth and Junior Cook	Women’s Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH
<b>Saturday</b> 20 Apr 2024	4:00 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Jess R. Wood	No Confession due to Mass change in time St. Xavier School Auction, 5-9 pm, School Gym

*May the Holy Spirit guide us towards the path to becoming better disciples and better people.*



TOTAL ECLIPSE: The total eclipse of this past Monday, if you were living in the right area, can remind us that our world is much larger than we may habitually think on a daily basis.

But nature can pull us out of ourselves and remind us of the cosmic Christ. St. John’s Gospel begins with these words: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.”

I appreciate that the eclipse coincidentally came during the Easter season when we are conscious of new life. We see it popping forth in nature in many ways. Someone wrote: “We have an invitation to go to church in a new way, by praying before the new leaves budding through dormant trees or the wobbly flowers by the side of the road pushing through the solid earth.... [Like Francis of Assisi,] we too can sing with the air we breathe, the sun that shines upon us, the rain that pours down to water the earth.”

In our pains and the daily hurts that life also offers us, my world can become quite small. Let us let Christ arise in us and rejoice in the new life popping forth everywhere. And I will add: especially in the new life of our parish: those being baptized, confirmed, making their First Communion and those entering into marriage. “*These are the days the Lord has made: Let us be glad and rejoice. Alleluia.*”

God bless us all,  
Father Kerry





# TITHES & OFFERINGS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



<i>Giving</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Online Giving	1,105.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	15143.30
Children's Tithing	54.10
Memorials and Gifts	0.00
Good Friday	130.00
<b>Total for 06-07 Apr</b>	<b>\$16,432.40</b>

If ever you miss Mass due to weather or out of town, please feel comfortable to include the absent week's tithing in the collections the following week.

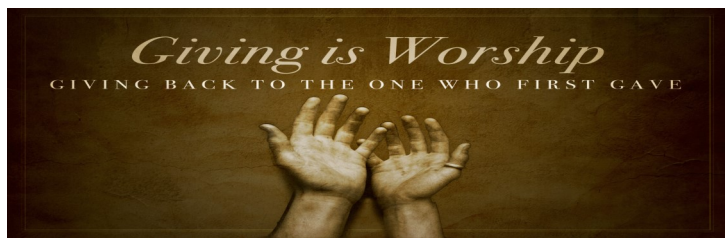
Amount needed to meet our Apr 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 \*\*  
 Apr Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$16,432.40**  
 Balance needed to meet our Apr needs: **\$71,200.10**

Apr 2024 G&D collected to date .....\$3,551.46  
 April's Growth and Development collection will be put toward the Altar renovation project.

\*\* - This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations.

*Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support.*

**Need 2024 tithing envelopes...see Cindy in the Parish Office!**



### St. Mary's Cemetery Work Day

Spring is here so it is time to clean up St. Mary's Cemetery. Please join us on April 15 at 5:00 pm. In case of rain or high wind, we will postpone our work day to April 19 at 5:00 pm. We will provide trash bags but encourage you to bring gloves and a rake.

*Thank you in advance for your help!*

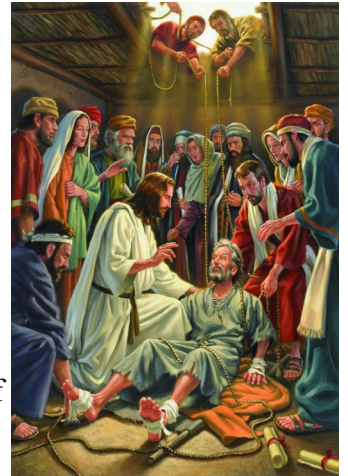

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:



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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Steve Matthews     | Jami Ann Bird     | Bruce Piava  |
| Benjamin Grell     | Elizabeth Clark   | Rachel Moore |
| Elizabeth Bunce    | Mary Bolette      | Mary Baker   |
| Wilma Schoendaller | Ralph Schmedemann | Judy Rosa    |
| Cooper Holloway    | Peggy Wawrzyniak  | Julie Taylor |
| Jude Fairchild     | Marissa Graham    | Marty Potter |
| Ray Kamphaus       | Judy Rosa         | Karen Morris |
| Manny Pasquil      | Shirley Oaks      | Marty Perta  |
| Ryleigh Joos       | James DeCarlo     | John Cooner  |
| Sandy Dietrich     |                   |              |

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
 heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
 humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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**APRIL**  
*National*  
**CHILD ABUSE**  
 PREVENTION MONTH





### Remember this?????

We held a raffle for this Nativity quilt for our #iGiveCatholic campaign last November. The winning ticket was 833262. Thank you to all who participated and we were able to raise \$1,155.00 for #iGiveCatholic.

This quilt was never claimed by someone. This is 'last call' for the winning ticket to come forward no later than 17 Apr 2024.

If no one claims this quilt, we will donate it to be auctioned at the St. Xavier School Auction to be held on Saturday, 20 Apr 2024. A second opportunity to get this Nativity quilt while supporting our school!



## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### PRAYER FOR LIFE KANSAS

Please join the Second Annual Kansas Prayer for Life. This will include Mass at noon and a Rosary Procession around Capitol Square in Topeka on Friday, 26 April at 1:30 pm.

On 26 Apr 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court held in Hodes & Nauser MDs v. Schmidt that the Kansas Constitution protects the "natural" right to abortion. The Salina Diocese is excited to join with other dioceses across Kansas in prayer for the end to the legalization of abortion in our state. An RSVP is required for admission to the gathering as space is limited. Please register here:

<https://form.jotform.com?pflkansas/pfl-gathering>

There is no more pernicious abuse of power than human trafficking. This modern-day slavery is a crime that takes all of us, working together, to eradicate. Alliance to End Human Trafficking - Founded and supported by:

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Brighton MI 48114



### FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

#### Joan of Arc

Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

# EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

**AUGUST 9 -10, 2024 • HAYS, KANSAS**

OPENING SESSION AUGUST 9 @ 5:00PM  
CLOSING MASS AUGUST 10 @ 5:00PM  
FULL SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS WILL BE COMING SOON

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

If you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, please contact Colleen Henney at 785-238-2618 to be included.

#### Statute Schedule:

- 13 Apr - Janet Hahn
- 21 Apr - Sr. DJ Rak and Diane Ussery
- 28 Apr - Mario and Margie Langas



Respect Life Ministry – "From Womb to Tomb"  
Join us in Saint Xavier's Respect Life Ministry  
Tom Hollis 785.717.5896

*"Abortion does not kill a potential Human person, it kills a human person with great potential"*

– Saint John Paul II



**Now Hiring**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in seeking a full-time ministry leader for K-12. Experience preferred, but not required.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of SALINA

Must be self-motivated, have a good rapport with young people and parents. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing.

Please email resume to Fr. Joseph Kieffer at [frJosephkieffer@gmail.com](mailto:frJosephkieffer@gmail.com)

Send resume to Fr. Joseph Kieffer  
307 E 5th St, Concordia, KS Phone: (785) 243-1099

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

4/17 - Class/Parent Meeting First Communion

4/24 - Class/ First Communion Rehearsal

5/01 - Class

5/08 - Class





**CALLED** is a group for young adults (over the age of 18) to gather for faith formation, to serve our community and in fellowship. God calls us all to worship, so join us for our next meeting on April 18th at 7:00 pm at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room!



April 18th - Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible  
May 2nd - Adoration

If you have any questions contact Cayley at 785-307-4164.

**Help Catholic Charities Help Others with**

**Dillon's Pickup Bags!**

Did you know that the bags used for online grocery orders at Dillon's can make a big difference?

Catholic Charities recycles them to create hygiene kits for those in need in our community. Every bag counts! Please consider dropping off your Dillon's Pickup bags at any of our three offices located in Salina, Manhattan, and Hays. Your contribution will directly impact those facing hardship in Northern Kansas. Let's work together with Catholic Charities to make a positive change!

Please drop at Parish Office if you can get them to the Catholic Charities offices and we will ensure they get to Catholic Charities office.



**St. Xavier School Auction**  
*Run for the Roses*

Supporting Catholic Education

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 20TH**  
**5PM • ST. X GYM**

**TICKETS** | \$300 TABLE FOR 6  
**\$60** | \$420 TABLE FOR 8

Includes: open bar, dinner, silent, and live auction



CALL (785) 238-2841  
200 N. WASHINGTON ST.



Saint Francis Xavier parishioners welcome the 2023-2024 OCIA Candidates to our parish family who joined the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 30 Mar 2024.

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Nehemiah Baletto             | Trilon Baletto      |
| Paige Bowser                 | Jose Estrada        |
| Rebecca Gomez                | Yailin Gonzalez     |
| Alex Hall                    | Katrina Marie Lewis |
| Arien Mangefel               | Paul Matheny        |
| Scott Peterson               | MaryAnn Schiebe     |
| Taylor M. Saporita-Szimandel |                     |
| Amiya Torres                 | Aaron Wiseman       |
|                              | Caitlyn Wiseman     |

All the Parish shares your joy! Be strengthened by our prayers for your new life in Christ.



**YOU ARE INVITED**

TO THE CELEBRATION OF  
BISHOP GERALD VINCKE'S

**25th Anniversary of the Priesthood**

**JUNE 9, 2024**

**MASS AT 3PM**

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**RECEPTION 4:00PM-6:00PM**

VICTORIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM  
602 10TH STREET VICTORIA, KANSAS 67671

KINDLY RSVP AT [BIT.LY/BISHOPS25TH](https://bit.ly/bishops25th)  
OR CALL CORRINA HUDSONPILLAR AT 785-639-2100

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the set up and clean up for our soup suppers this past Lent.



Thank you to Randy Testa for getting the electricity running each week for the crock pots.

Also, I would like to thank the parish for the great turn out every week. The many great soups and desserts and the fellowship shared with all made this year another great success.

God Bless!  
Diane Ussery





ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL  
**FUNDING A CATHOLIC  
 EDUCATION**



**1**

**PARISH SUBSIDY**

It costs approximately \$11,000 to educate each student. St. Francis Xavier Parish provides a generous subsidy to keep tuition more affordable for families.

**FAMILY DISCOUNTS**

St. Francis Xavier offers generous discounts for multiple children in grades K - 12. Check the registration packet for details.

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**ACE SCHOLARSHIPS**

ACE Scholarships are solely income-based, partial-tuition scholarships. Scholarship amounts are usually \$2000-\$3000. It is available to incoming PreK, kindergarten, and students transferring from public school. Visit the ACE website for more information. [www.acescholarships.org/become-a-scholar/kansas/](http://www.acescholarships.org/become-a-scholar/kansas/)

**529 SAVINGS PLAN**

529 Plans allow tax-free earnings growth and tax-free withdrawals for qualified expenses. Qualified expenses include up to \$10,000 toward K-12 private school tuition. 529 plans also offer an additional deduction on KS income tax. Low-income families may qualify for KIDS matching grant contributions. Visit [kansascash.ks.gov/learn\\_quest.html](http://kansascash.ks.gov/learn_quest.html)

**4**

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**COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Similar to a 529 Account, Coverdell accounts allow tax-free withdrawals to cover all educational expenses such as supplies and uniforms. However, contributions are capped at \$2000 a year per beneficiary, and there are some income restrictions on who can open an account.

**CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT**

PreK Tuition qualifies for Child and Dependant Care Federal Tax Credit. [www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/child-and-dependent-care-credit-information](http://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/child-and-dependent-care-credit-information)

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**OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Salina diocese offers a scholarship for students who qualify for free and reduced lunches. Amount varies based on number of applicants per year. [salinadiocese.org/office/catholic-schools/a-scholarship-opportunity/](http://salinadiocese.org/office/catholic-schools/a-scholarship-opportunity/)  
 Other scholarships are available through the school, made possible by generous donors.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT**

20/21 APR 2024	SATURDAY, 20 APR 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 21 APR 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 21 APR 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 21 APR 2024 11:00 AM
<i>Lector</i>	John Triplett	Pat Beavers	Ray Felix	John Lamb
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Ricardo Gutierrez Susan Kamphaus Diane Ussery	Maureen Gustafson Betsy Striggow Andrew Simon	Jane Bauman Brenda Dacus Jeanie Wolford	Mario Langas Margie Langas Jason Crawford
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Miriam Davis Family	Joshua Pittman Family	Coffman Family	Moreland Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Hannan Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> Declan Boehm - 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucas Liebau - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lyla Liebau - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liam Simon - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lyla Liebau - 1 <sup>st</sup> Ivan Abolo - 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kassidy Jahnke - 1 <sup>st</sup> Noah Cruz - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ava Cruz - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	Katie Wiley Youth Choir	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell
<i>Ushers</i>	Buz Bruzina George Heard Josh Boehm Shar Boland	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Richard Gustafson	Connie Backhus Bob Catalo Larry Kramer Charlene Ross	Paul Rosell Josh Lichtensteiger Sam Niemczyk Mary Ann Vieyra
<i>Tithing Counters</i>	Shirley Allen, Margie Langas and Charlene Ross			



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Every Month at 7:00 PM

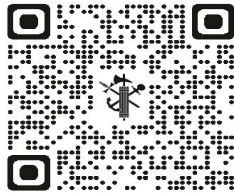


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Junction City, KS 66441

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Please submit to office@saintxparish.org  
Sign up for bulletins sent directly to your email weekly at www.saintxparish.org on the home page.

### TITHING ENVELOPES

Please contact Cindy in the Parish Office if you would like tithing envelopes for 2024. Blank sets are still available for 2024 and we can get you assigned an envelop number for printed ones for next year!

