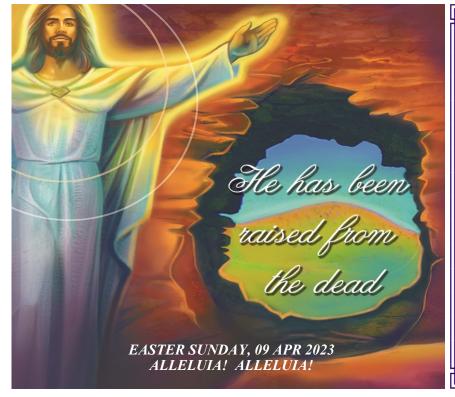
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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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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 Weekdays: refer to daily Mass schedule inside on Page 2 for any changes to Mass time for this week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Wednesday: 6:00 pm Tues until 8:00 am on Wed

Thursday: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm *Friday:* 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Holy Hour: Second Thursdays at 6:00 pm, Adoration and Benediction

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday: 6:00 pm following the Mass Friday: 9:00 am following the Mass Saturday: 4:00 pm

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

Bulletin articles or notices must be submitted by noon on Tuesdays for following weekend. Please submit to office@saintxparish.org

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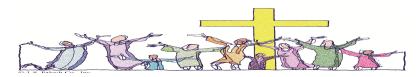
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Welcome to our Parish

"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."
-St. Francis Xavier

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of † - Deceased Perpetual Help Room							
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS			
Sunday, 09 Apr 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	L/D members of Eckenrode and Hahn families Propoulo † Charles and Isabelle Fiffe	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C OCIA, 12:30 pm, Bldg C			
Monday, 10 Apr 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C			
Tuesday, 11 Apr 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Kathryn and Leonard Engstrom	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday			
Wednesday 12 Apr 2023		No Mass		Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Rel Ed Class/First Communion Parent mtg, 6:30 pm, Bldg C			
Thursday 13 Apr 2023		No Mass		Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm Circle IV mtg, 7:10 pm, OLPH			
Friday 14 Apr 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† John Weber	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR			
Saturday 15 Apr 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† All Souls in Purgatory	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm			



Father Gnanasekar and the Parish Staff wish all of you a very blessed Easter. May the joy of Easter morning knowing Jesus has risen stay with you always!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT							
15 AND 16 APR 2023	SATURDAY, 15 APR 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 16 APR 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 16 APR 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 16 APR 2023 11:00 AM			
Lector	John Triplett	Mary Effland	Kristina Coffman	Sean Luke			
Extraordinary Ministers	Mike Rhodes Diane Ussery Ricardo Gutierrez	Jane Handlos Joe Handlos Cathy Handlos	Frank Catalo Amber Davis Brenda Dacus	Deb Breidenstein John Lamb Nanette Lamb			
Gift Bearers	Engstrom Family	Effland Family	Jacob Davis Family	Moreland Family			
Altar Servers with server assignments	Levi Engstrom - 1 st Henry Engstrom - 2 nd John Engstrom - 3 rd	Ian Effland - 1 st Nolan Effland - 2 nd Sheldon Effland - 3 rd	Kim Davis - 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Jerry Murray - 1 st Janis Curit - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd			
Musician and Cantor	Katie Moeller Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Katie Moeller Children's Choir			
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Jodean and Teddy Tieyah	Richard Striggow Pat and Angela Beavers Cindy Lamberty	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Connie Backhus Larry Kramer	Paul Rossell Josh Lichtensteiger Ray Felix Inga Curit			
Money Counters	Trisha Austin, Shirley Allen and Eric Page						

STEWARDSHAP J-TREASURE Thinkes and Offerings

Totals for 01-02 Apr weekend collections:	
Online Giving:	\$ 640.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$ 15,538.48
Children's Tithing	\$ 51.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 20.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Growth and Development	\$ 4,244.47
Memorial Donations	\$ 00.00
Total Collection	\$ 20,538.95

Amount needed to meet our Apr 2023 Parish

operations budget \$61,667.00 *
Apr Tithing and Offering collections to date: \$20,538.95

Balance needed to meet our Mar needs: \$41,128.05

Apr 2023 G&D collected to date\$4,244.47

*- This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations for the parish year, 01 Jul thru 30 Jun. The annual cost includes items such as the maintenance for our buildings, utilities, all Mass and church supplies, salaries for staff, support for the school...everything right down to the Kleenex provided in the church. The annual amount is then divided by the 12 months in a year to establish the monthly amount necessary. The tithing collections offered by our parishioners each week, our only income, is reported in the spirit of transparency for all. When we fall short in our collections of the needed monthly operating expenses, the difference must be pulled from investments or savings to cover the operating expenses. This impairs our sustainability to 'grow' our parish programs and services in the future.

Don't forget to teach our children how to submit their envelopes weekly! Take one with you to fill out for the following weekend if that is of help instead fixing one on the way into Mass. Have you linked your Amazon or Dillons accounts to St. Francis Xavier yet for charitable contribution direct from the company?

No direct cost to you...sign up today!

Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support.



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following: Deb Chaudary Marissa Graham Sandy Dietrich Steve Matthews Rebecca James Tom Grelk Elizabeth Clark Cooper Holloway Bruce Piava Julie Taylor Peggy Wawrzyniak Reece Fairchild Mary Baker Manny Pasquil Kelly Fielder Ryleigh Joos Pat Nicholson Judy Rosa Elizabeth Bunce John Cooner Marty Perta ...and all those suffering in the unrest in the world.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend

at a time. Retreats for post-abortive women and men, couples, grandparents, former abortion workers, anyone affected by the pain of abortion. Next retreat is June 2-4, 2023. Confidential. Email rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org or call 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-477-4383)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! He is Risen! Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Our difficult times are not permanent. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the *Via Dolorosa* (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives!

Happy Easter! Father G





Thank you to all who helped with the Community Dinner by donating food, making flyers and posters, serving, greeting, cleaning up and praying for our parish project.

We served over 150 people!

All women of the Salina Diocese are invited to attend the spring SDCCW Board meeting on Wednesday, April 19. It will be held at St. Xavier Parish in Junction City. The meeting will start at 9:45 in the basement of Building C. There will be officer and commission

reports. Planning for the next women's convention will start. Lunch will be potluck. Bring a salad or dessert. Main course & dinnerware will be provided. After lunch we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and hear about Father Daryl's upcoming trip. Since our Diocese is so large, this is the closest the meeting will be for a while. Come meet and fellowship with other Catholic women in our area. For more information call Kathy Martin 785-463-5463.

Kathy Martin SDCCW East Vicariate Chairwoman





Theology on Tap will meet on April 22nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7pm. Father Gnanasekar will be our guest speaker. Theology on Tap is open to all young adults (18-39). This program has proven to be a successful vehicle for reaching young

adults interested in learning more about their faith, coming together to share community, and feeling welcomed and valued in the Catholic Church. Please feel free to contact Cayley Sutton (785) 307-4164 if you have any questions!



The current times available for Adoration, needing a committed person as we can not leave the Holy Eucharist unattended, are as follows: Wednesdays: 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 am

Thursdays: 3:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am, noon and 1:00 pm

Please contact Cindy at the Parish Office if you could support one of these hours or would like to be added to our list of substitutes.

Vacation Bible School is coming up June 12-16 and we are currently seeking volunteers. This program will go from 9am to noon. We are looking for volunteers to help with registration, set up, snacks, arts and crafts, lessons on faith, games, prize booth and clean up. Please contact Amber at the Parish Office to be a part of the team that provides this fun and educational opportunity to youth in our parish.





While our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers have ended, we want to thank the parishioners and members of these organizations: Knights of Columbus, Circle I, Living Water Ministries, Fellowship SPARK, Parish Council, Finance Council, JR CYO, Circle IV, School

Council and PTO who provided the delicious soups and crackers. A special thanks to the teens who helped each week! We hope everyone enjoyed the fellowship shared during these meals.

Diane and Shar



The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.



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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 in the schedule.

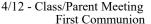
Statue Schedule:

09 Apr - Janet Hahn

16 Apr - Ella Moloney

23 Apr - Fred and Charlene Lueck

30 Apr - Sr. DJ and Diane Ussery



4/19 - Class/First Communion Retreat

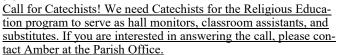
4/26 - Class/First Communion Rehearsal

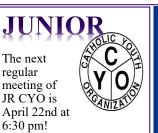
5/3 - Class

The next

6:30 pm!

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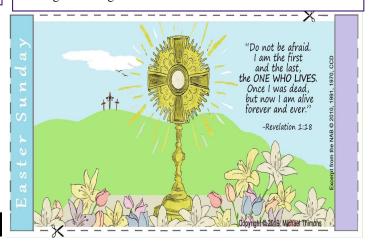


God, who is the source of all the good in our lives, we ask You to bless us. We gather at this table as family and friends, united in love of You. We are filled with gratitude for the gift of this

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meal and the many gifts you've given us. May we carry with us tomorrow the joy that we feel today, sharing Your love and building Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

School Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:50am - 3:50pm

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The St. Francis Xavier School Auction is coming up soon. Make sure to reserve a seat or table and purchase raffle tickets at the school office M-F from 7:50 am-3:50 pm. Reservations include dinner, drinks, and the opportunity to bid on silent and live auction items including this year's itemless item- gymnasium locker room renovations. All auction forms and information are at the entry of church and can also be picked up in the school office or found on the school website at saintxrams.org. Monetary and item donations need to be brought to the school office by April 14th to be included in the auction program. Subsequent donations will be accepted and included in the addendum. We look forward to having "A Roaring Good Time" with you at the auction on April 29th from 5:00 pm-9:00pm.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



School Read about the latest school happenings in the April newsletter! Grab a printed copy from the gathering area of the church or view it online at saintxrams.org.



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Well done

Congratulations to our March teacher of the month, Mrs. Platt! Mrs. Platt has an exciting energy and an innovative way of thinking that is extremely beneficial when it comes to teaching preschool. She is passionate about what she does, truly cares for all her students, and makes learning fun. She provides new and exciting ideas to preschool while providing a consistent, friendly, and communicative relationship with students, parents, and coworkers. She is a great asset to our school!

The middle school student of the month is 8th grader, Jacob Peterson! Jacob is overall good-natured, and a person people gravitate towards. He does well academically and is willing to help out students and staff. Not only does Jacob do well in the classroom, but he is also involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Way to go, Jacob!

Junior, Becky Peterson is the high school student of the month. Becky is very deserving of this honor. She is involved in many activities: student council, FBLA, forensics, scholars bowl, choir, band, volleyball, and track while maintaining a high GPA. Becky is caring, helpful and a good role model for all to look up to. Nice job, Becky!

Delicious desserts are needed to serve at the auction dinner on April 29th. Any donations are welcome, but a few suggestions include cupcakes, cookies, pies, etc. Dessert items can be brought in between Friday, 4/28/23, after 4pm through Saturday, 4/29/23, before 4pm. Please drop off at the Building B gym entrance (in the main parking lot). Help is also needed with dessert prep and clean up on the night of the event. If you are willing to donate desserts or volunteer, please contact Jaime Richling: 785-238-3240 or jaimewahle@gmail.com. Thank you!

Francis Xavier School Auction

Not able to attend the St. Xavier School Auction on April 29th? There are other ways you can support the event! Consider giving a monetary donation toward the auction or to the itemless item. Four contribution levels are available-Major Donor (\$1000 and above), Gold Donor (\$500-\$999), Silver Donor (\$100-\$499), and Patron (\$99 and under). Monetary donations are welcome and can be dropped in the collection basket at St. Xavier Church or brought/mailed to the St. Xavier School office at 200 N. Washington Street, Junction City, KS 66441. We appreciate your support!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Prospective families interested in Pre-K through 12th grade are invited to experience St. Francis Xavier Catholic School during our open house event. We hope you will join us to learn more about the exceptional educational opportunities available for the 2023-24 school year! RSVP by April 10th to principal Shawn Augustine at 785-238-2841 or at principal@saintxrams.org.

MONDAY APRIL 17, 2023

SCHEDULE OF **EVENTS**

6:30pm - Refreshments

7:00pm - Meet & Greet

7:15pm - Q & A Session

7:30pm - Prize Drawings

7:35pm - Campus Tour

If you would like to advertise your business on this page, please contact Cindy at the Parish Office, 785-238-2998.