

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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Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2023

"I promise that the soul that will venerate
this image will not perish"

Jesus, I Trust in You!



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 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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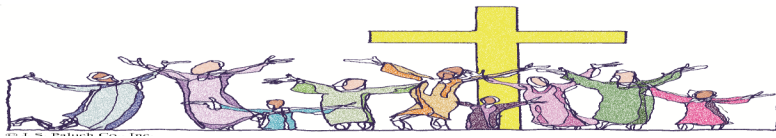
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Welcome to our Parish

"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, 16 Apr 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass † Linda Charowhas St. Xavier School Children Pro populo	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C OCIA, 12:30 pm, Bldg C
Monday, 17 Apr 2023		No Mass	Education Committee mtg, 6:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30 pm, Bldg A cafeteria Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 18 Apr 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass † Virlyn Carter, Sr.	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday
Wednesday 19 Apr 2023	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass † Vernon Hecker † Kelly Hodge	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Rel Ed Class/First Communion Retreat, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
Thursday 20 Apr 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass Connie Backhas	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm St. Xavier Foundation mtg, 12:00 pm, PMR Finance Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
Friday 21 Apr 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass Diane Ussery	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR Circle 1 mtg, 2:30 pm, Knights' Hall
Saturday 22 Apr 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass † Joe and Doris Morgan	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm Theology on Tap, 7:00 pm, Knights' Hall



Please join the Divine Mercy Service on Sunday, 16 Apr, at 3:00 pm.

The image of Divine Mercy is Jesus raising his right hand in blessing and pointing with his left hand to his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white or translucent. The red ray is for the blood of Jesus and the pale ray for the water that flow from the heart of Jesus when he was pierced with a lance on the cross. This is the image from St. Faustina's vision in 1931. The image contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!"

"Mankind will not have peace," He said to St. Faustina, "until it turns with trust to My mercy....Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God."

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

22 AND 23 APR 2023	SATURDAY, 22 APR 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 23 APR 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 23 APR 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 23 APR 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Ryan Rosauer	Allen Dinkel	Bryan Schoenhofer	Nanette Lamb
Extraordinary Ministers	Susan Kamphaus Diane Ussery Jodean Tieyah	Richard Striggow Cathy Striggow Cindy Lamberty	Sierra Jackson Jane Bauman Jeanie Wolford	Randy Testa Deb Breidenstein Sean Luke
Gift Bearers	Wagner Family	Joshua Pittman Family	Justin Family	DeLaCruz Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1 st Hannah Nguyen - 2 nd John Wagner - 3 rd	Lucas Liebau - 1 st Lyla Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Jeter Gonzalez - 1 st Caleb Justin - 2 nd Daniela Hoggatt - 3 rd	Janis Curit - 1 st Kassidy Jahnke - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir	Katie Moeller Grace Lichtensteiger Becky Peterson
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Mike and Kellie Boeh Louis Rodriguez AnnMarie Striggow	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Karen Eddy Larry Kramer	John Hagerty Humberto Cruz-Correa Mary Ann Vieyra Ray Felix

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 08-09 Apr weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	570.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	8,999.57
Children's Tithing	\$	23.00
Easter Offering	\$	5,001.00
Holy Thursday	\$	838.00
Good Friday	\$	1,552.75
Easter	\$	20.00
Growth and Development	\$	363.00
Memorial Donations	\$	00.00
Total Collection	\$	17,367.26

Amount needed to meet our Apr 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
Apr Tithing and Offering collections to date: \$ 37,906.21
Balance needed to meet our Mar needs: \$ 23,760.79

Apr 2023 G&D collected to date\$4,607.47

*- 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.

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 Grek
Elizabeth Clark	Bruce Piava

Cooper Holloway	Julie Taylor	Peggy Wawrzyniak
Reece Fairchild	Manny Pasquil	Mary Baker
Kelly Fielder	Ryleigh Joos	Pat Nicholson
Judy Rosa	John Cooner	Marty Perta
Elizabeth Bunce		

...and all those suffering in the unrest in the world.



Prayer for Entrustment to Divine Mercy

O Lord, our God. We place our trust in You. Because you are Mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy. We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us. We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers. Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy. We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs. With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world. Look upon us, created in your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into the living images of mercy. May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever. Amen!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Let us, therefore, celebrate the mercy of God in our lives. Like the disciples of Jesus, we, too, have been unfaithful to Him. We have turned our backs on Him and have failed Him so many times. But Jesus does not condemn us, nor is He angry with us. It is because He is the God of mercy.

If God is merciful to us, we should also be merciful towards one another. Imagine a world where people treat each other the way God treats us. That's the way heaven begins here on earth! May God's mercy be upon us!!

Note: Please participate in our Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Church.

God bless us all abundantly!
 Father G



New from the Knights

Knight of the Month: **Gerald Woydziak**
 Family of the Month: **Mike Rhodes' family**

- ◆ Thank you, thank you one and all that came out for our annual KofC Fish Fry. You all helped make it a huge success and well worth the effort your Knights of Columbus and boy Scouts made to put this on. Great things are happening in our parish!
- ◆ Officers for the KofC were voted on and approved for the upcoming new fiscal year. Congratulations to Josh Lichtensteiger, the New Grand Knight; Tracy Schmidt as Deputy Grand Knight; Jim Keating as Chancellor; and Pat Beavers as Warden.
- ◆ The 50/50 pot was won by Tracy Schmidt and donated back to the Fish Fry. Chad Stramel's name was pulled for the Progressive Pot but was not present at the meeting.

Ed Augustine Memorial

"Pull" for Charity

Trap Shooting Competition

April 22nd, 2023, 4PM



\$50 Buy-In Includes

- 50 target competition with flighted prize payout
- BBQ Beef Dinner (Separate dinner tickets available for non-shooters)
- Proceeds go to support "Pennies from Heaven" disaster relief fund.
- Gun Raffle Tickets Available

Hosted By Junction City Knights of Columbus Council #1029
 Sportsman's Acres
 Milford Lake K244 Spur
 Junction City, KS 66441
 Questions? Contact Gerald at biggks@yahoo.com



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

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.



St. Xavier Parish mourns the passing of Linda Lynch on 25 Mar 2023. Linda was laid to rest at St. Mary Cemetery on 32 Mar 2023.

May eternal rest be granted to Linda, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her.

The parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier welcome our newest member, Rosa Kasterna Soichy. Rosa was baptized on 02 Apr 2023. Rosa's proud parents are Kaster and Natalyn Soichy. Her loving Godparent is Briana Nethon. Saint Xavier parishioners congratulate Rosa and her family and will keep her spiritual growth in their prayers.



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



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:

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

Call for Catechists! We need Catechists for the Religious

Education program to serve as hall monitors, classroom assistants, and substitutes. If you are interested in answering the call, please contact Amber at the Parish Office.



Prayer and Action Registration is open!

This program is open to high school students in grade 9-12 in the 2022-2023 school year. Prayer and Action is a low cost mission trip that remains within the Salina Diocese. For students who would like to participate June 25-30, please complete the registration forms online at <https://salinadiocese.org/diocesan-forms/> and return them to the Parish office along with the \$75 fee by April 21.

JUNIOR

The next regular meeting of JR CYO is April 22nd at 6:30 pm!



Be still and know that I am God
-PSALM 46:10

Junction City Knights of Columbus

Council 1029

Gun Raffle



CZ Drake 12 Gauge Over/Under
28" Barrel

Includes 5 Choke Tubes & Hard Case

Ticket Price: \$5 each or 6 for \$25

Drawing will be held April 22, 2023, 7pm

Do not have to be present to win.

Proceeds support Knights of Columbus Council 1029

Thank you to all who filled the Rice Bowls this year! Please put your filled Rice Bowls in the collection basket at the entry of the church or bring to the Parish Office as soon as possible.



Our publishing company recently folded and the bulletin is now being done manually. For those of you who relied on receiving our bulletin electronically via email, we are working on a resolve to restore that access. Weekly bulletins are available on our webpage and in the church until email has been restored. Another bulletin notice will be included when automatic email access is available for you. Thank you for your patience!

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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Job Openings!

ST. XAVIER AUCTION

BRING YOUR CASH!

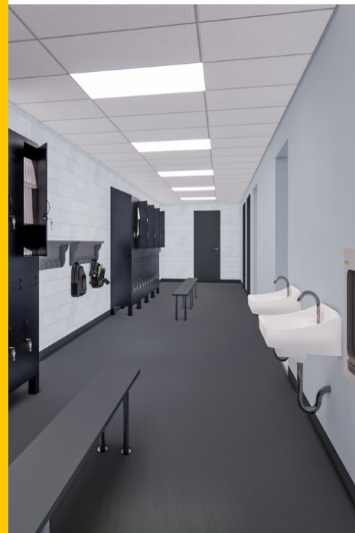
SATURDAY
APRIL 29

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\$500 & \$250 CHANCE CASH BOARDS
\$1000 & \$500 RAFFLE
50/50 HEADS OR TAILS



Locker Room Renovations



~ Chinese Proverb



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