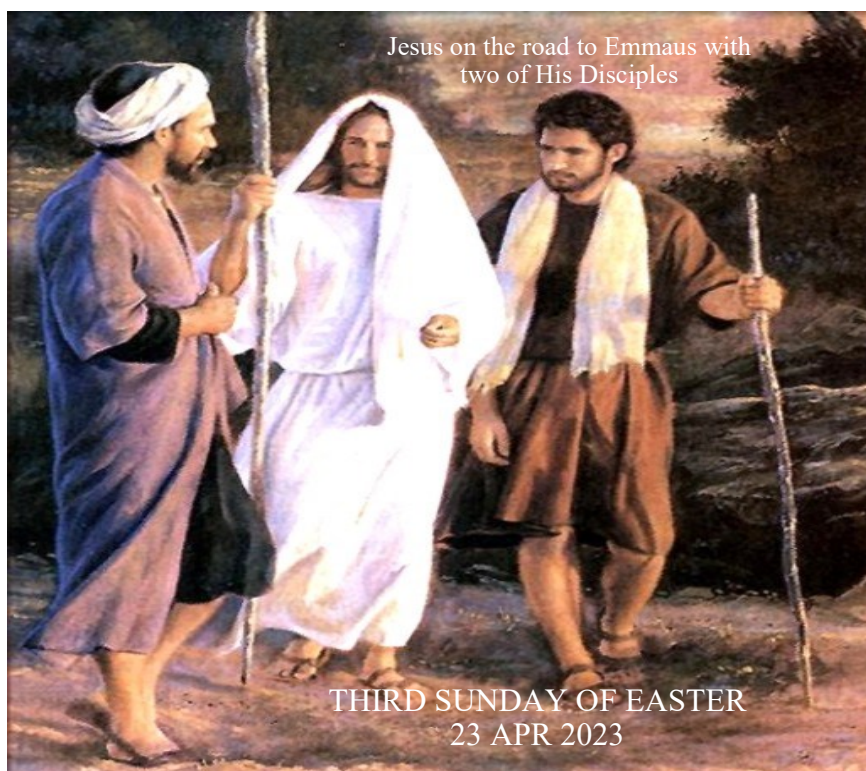


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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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Jesus on the road to Emmaus with
two of His Disciples

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
23 APR 2023

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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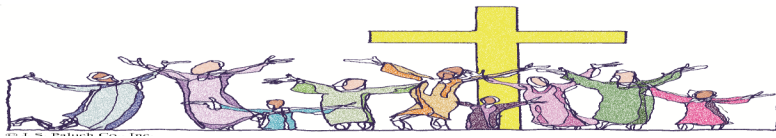
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Welcome to our Parish

"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, 23 Apr 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Harold Becker † Jerry and Celina Vincent Pro populo	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C
Monday, 24 Apr 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 25 Apr 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Lawrence Roth	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 26 Apr 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Marie Larsen and Charles and I Isabelle Fiffe	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Rel Ed Class/First Communion Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
Thursday 27 Apr 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Vincente Alog	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm School Council, 5:30 pm, PMR Parish Council mtg, 7:00 pm, PMR
Friday 28 Apr 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Bob Helmick	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 29 Apr 2023	4:00 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	Special intentions of the Henderson family	Confession, 3:00-4:00 pm School Auction, 5:00-9:00 pm, School Gym



Next Saturday evening the Sunday Vigil Mass will be at 4:00 pm so that all can attend the School Auction.

If you need more information about the auction festivities, contact the St. Francis Xavier School at 785-238-2841 and see page 5 of the bulletin.

Due to the change in Mass times on 29 Apr, the Saturday afternoon Confessions will be from 3:00 until 3:45 pm on 29 Apr 2023.



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

29 AND 30 APR 2023	SATURDAY, 29 APR 2023 4:00 PM	SUNDAY, 30 APR 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 30 APR 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 30 APR 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Kathy Triplett	Joe Handlos	Kristina Coffman	Randy Testa
Extraordinary Ministers	Ricardo Gutierrez Susan Kamphaus Diane Ussery	Cindy Lamberty Eva Pearson Andrew Simon	Frank Catalo Jeanie Wolford Amber Davis	John Lamb Nanette Lamb Sean Luke
Gift Bearers	Ana Davis Family	AnnMarie Striggow Family	Coffman Family	SPARK
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1 st John Wagner - 2 nd Hannah Nguyen - 3 rd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st John Hausauer - 2 nd Lucas Liebau - 3 rd	Kim Davis - 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	SPARK
Musician and Cantor	Heather and Shawn Augusting	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams SPARK
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Jodean and Teddy Tieyah	Richard Striggow Josh Pittman Brandon Bechard Neal Patry	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Connie Backhus Larry Kramer	Paul Rosell SPARK
Money Counters	Trisha Austin, Shirley Allen and Eric Page			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 15-16 Apr weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	300.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	6,917.00
Children's Tithing	\$	14.00
Holy Thursday	\$	25.00
Good Friday	\$	75.00
Easter	\$	130.00
Growth and Development	\$	555.50
Memorial Donations	\$	00.00
Total Collection	\$	8,016.50

Amount needed to meet our Apr 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
Apr Tithing and Offering collections to date: \$ 45,922.71
Balance needed to meet our Mar needs: \$ 15,744.29

Apr 2023 G&D collected to date\$5,162.97

*- 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	Mary Bolette	

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

St. Xavier Parish currently has 566 families registered as Parish members. Only 138 families have opted to take advantage of the



Community Rewards program with the local grocer, Dillon's. For the first quarter of 2023, Jan to Mar, these 138 families secured a charitable donation from Dillon's of **\$540.27** for St. Xavier Parish! Thank you for tying your Dillon's Rewards Card to St. Xavier Parish for a no cost, no fuss, no drama contribution to our parish. Think of what that contribution could be if all 566 families tied their rewards card to St. Xavier Parish for a charitable contribution from Dillon's with their Community Rewards program. Need help, come see Cindy in the Parish Office. It is like 'free money' you are missing an opportunity with!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

PEACE

There is a story about Pope Benedict XV. He was the Pope during the First World War and its turbulent aftermath (1914-1922). One time, when he appeared on the Vatican balcony to impart his blessing, a fanatic drew a pistol, aimed at the Pope, and pulled the trigger. The gun failed to fire. Guards quickly captured the criminal. Later, he was brought before the Pope. The man expressed regret that the gun did not fire. The Pope calmly declared, "I can tell you why your gun failed. You were in the crowd and I had blessed you also, my son." Then he added, "Go home now. Your wife and children must have heard of this and are worried." The Pope ordered him released. The Pope's edifying example was clearly in imitation of the Lord Jesus.

The disciples betrayed Jesus – they ran away just when he needed them the most. As we reflected last weekend, they were huddled together in one room, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews. But what really troubled them was the news about the resurrection of their Master. They were ashamed to face him and afraid to be reprimanded by him. But when he appeared to them, he did not have any trace of bitterness, anger or accusation against them. His greeting was, "Peace!" There was no reprimand and condemnation, but only an abundance of mercy, forgiveness and love.

We are called to imitate Jesus. No matter how people have offended us we are to make peace with them. Peace is an expression of love and freedom. Let us give this gift of peace to others as Christ gives us each time we fail. May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you always!!!

Father G



Holy Communion

The norm established for the dioceses of the United States of America is that Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual members wishes to receive Communion while kneeling. When receiving Holy Communion, the person approaches the minister and bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence. While the sign of reverence used to be a genuflection, for the sake of unity, the US Bishops asked that the faithful bow their head instead.

When the communion minister says, "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ", we respond "Amen" as a sign of our belief in the true presence, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic. By our "Amen", we are saying, "I believe."

The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. If receiving it on the hand, it is customary to place your left hand on top of your right hand, thus creating a throne for the Eucharist. After the host is placed in your left hand, you take it with your right hand index finger and thumb and place it in your mouth to consume the host. If you are receiving on your tongue, it is important to stick your tongue out far enough for the minister to place the host on your tongue. When receiving the Blood of Christ, after bowing and receiving the chalice in your hands, communicants sip the Blood of Christ and carefully return the chalice to the minister. The sign of the cross is made after the Body and Blood are received.

There should be a period of communal silence after Communion in order for the priest, servers, and the entire congregation to pray in silence for the gift they have just received. It is an opportunity for everyone to "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11).



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.



Saint Francis Xavier parishioners welcome the 2022-2023 OCIA Candidates to our parish family who received the following Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 8 April 2023.

Receiving Baptism:
Andrew Haines

Receiving Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation:

Annabelle Haines	Emmalee Howard
Caroline Haines	Jeremy Howard
Linley Haines	Eleanor Riedy
Samuel Haines	Ellison Riedy
Christopher Hall	Philip Wolfe
Vienna Wolfe	

Receiving Confirmation and First Communion:

Elias Berthoud	Krystina Haines
Jessica Berthoud	Michael Murphy
Eric Coffman	Hanna Salvo
Anna Fuentes	Cly Evan Vaughan

Receiving Confirmation:
Noah Lamb

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

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:

23 Apr - Fred and Charlene Lueck

30 Apr - Sr. DJ and Diane Ussery



4/26 - Class/First Communion
Rehearsal

5/3 - Class

5/7 - 2:00 pm First Communion
Celebration



Mark your calendars – CatChat Birthday Blast Celebration of Life Vacation Bible School is June 12-16! Vacation Bible School will go from 9am to noon. If you are interested in volunteering to help with 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.



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.

The parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier welcome our newest member, Luke Jacob Decker. Luke was baptized on 15 Apr 2023. Luke's proud parents are Jacob and Lauren Decker. His loving Godparents are Sam and Jami Renner. Saint Xavier parishioners congratulate Luke and his family and will keep his spiritual growth in their prayers.



With saddened hearts, Saint Xavier parishioners mourn the loss of Ella Moloney. Ella passed away on 16 Apr 2023. Her funeral Mass and burial were held on 21 Apr 2023. Our condolences and prayers for Ella are sent to her family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto Ella, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop



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!

**To whomever is
reading this. I pray
something wonderful
happens for you
this week.**



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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News from the Principal

Reserve your seat now for the St. Xavier annual auction to be held on Saturday, April 29th, at 5:00 pm. This event will take place in the Bradley Gymnasium at St. Francis Xavier School. It will feature a catered meal from Hog Wild Pit BBQ, homemade desserts, an open bar, photo booth, raffle, and other cash games. In addition, there will be a variety of silent and live auction items to bid on as well as an opportunity to donate to our locker room renovation itemless item. Seats can be purchased at a cost of \$60 per person or a table of 6 can be purchased for \$300 and a table of 8 is \$420. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Make your reservations today by stopping by the St. Xavier School office between 7:50 am and 3:50 pm. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier School.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



CHECK THIS OUT!

The St. Francis Xavier School Auction has an amazing lineup of items for our event! Items up for bid include an Acorn Wilds bird/pheasant hunt, the Floating with Father River Adventure, a dinner and game night for 5 couples, new and antique furniture, golf packages, and so much more! For a complete list of auction items visit our school website or Facebook page. Paper copies will also be available at Mass in the pews and on the auction information table at the back of church.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL AUCTION
APRIL 29TH, 2023

Schedule of Events

4:00 – Mass
4:30 – Doors Open, Silent Auction Begins
4:30-5:30 – Social Hour
5:30 – Dinner
7:00 – Live Auction
Intermission – Raffles, Heads or Tails
8:45 - Silent Auction Closes

**WE ARE
HIRING**

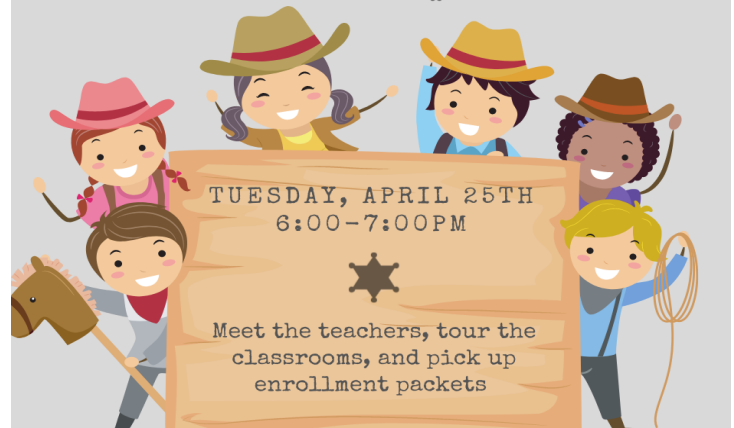
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- **2nd Grade Teacher**
2023-24 school year
- **4th Grade Teacher**
2023-24 school year
- **7-12 Science Teacher**
2023-24 school year
- **Office Administrative Assistant (Secretary)**
Beginning July 17th, 2023
- **Substitute Teachers**

APPLY NOW

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
**Preschool & Kindergarten
Roundup**



The St. Xavier track season is under-way. The athletes are working hard to qualify for regionals and break school records.

Go Rams!!!





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on this page, please contact Cindy at the Parish Office,
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