

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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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
30 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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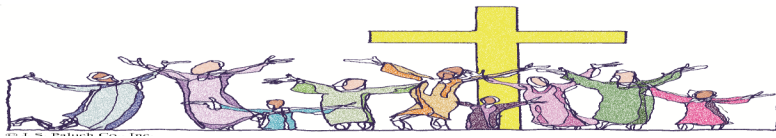
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Welcome to our Parish

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR				
			PMR - Parish meeting room	OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room
			† - Deceased	
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday, 30 Apr 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	L/D members of the Slattery family Pro populo Freyja Merkel	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C
Monday, 01 May 2023		No Mass		Living Water Ministry mtg, 6:00 pm, OLPH Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 02 May 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Kelly Hodge	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday Knights of Columbus mgt, 7:00 pm, KofC hall
Wednesday 03 May 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Bryson Dill	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Rel Ed Class, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
Thursday 04 May 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Ricky Hahn	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm
Friday 05 May 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Auguster and Marina Davis	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR St. Mary Cemetery Assoc mtg, 5:30 pm, OLPH
Saturday 06 May 2023	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Sunday Vigil Mass	† Donald Ross, Sr Special Intention	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



Let us learn from the Virgin Mary
how to be bolder in obeying the
word of God.

— Pope Francis —



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
06-07 MAY 2023	SATURDAY, 06 MAY 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 07 MAY 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 07 MAY 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 07 MAY 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Eric Page	Paula Dinkel	Knights of Columbus	Margie Langas
Extraordinary Ministers	Jodean Tieyah Diane Ussery Susan Kamphaus	Cindy Lamberty Eva Pearson Tom Hollis	Knights of Columbus	John Lamb Nanette Lamb Deb Breidenstein
Gift Bearers	Wagner Family	Effland Family	Knights of Columbus	Athorp Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	John Wagner - 1 st Hannah Nguyen - 2 nd	Ian Effland - 1 st Nolan Effland - 2 nd Sheldon Effland - 3 rd	Jeter Gonzalez - 1 st Daniela Hoggott - 2 nd	Janis Curit - 1 st Kassidy Jahnke - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Heather and Shawn Augustine	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Knights of Columbus	Katie Moeller Grace Lichtensteiger Becky Peterson
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Pat and Angela Beavers Louis Rodriguez Neal Patry	Don Haffner Knights of Columbus	Paul Rosell Josh Lichtensteiger Inga Curit Mario Langas
Money Counters	Sr. DJ Rak, Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 22-23 Apr weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	1,220.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	7,907.72
Children's Tithing	\$	16.00
Good Friday	\$	10.00
Easter	\$	25.00
Growth and Development	\$	365.00
Memorial Donations	\$	00.00
Total Collection	\$	9,543.72

Amount needed to meet our Apr 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *

Apr Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 55,466.55**

Balance needed to meet our Mar needs: **\$ 6,200.45**

Apr 2023 G&D collected to date\$5,527.97

*- 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 Grelk
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, famine and poverty in the world.



St. Mary's Cemetery Association

All parishioners are invited to attend a special meeting of St Mary's Cemetery Association on Friday, May 5, 5:30 pm in the OLPH Room.

In October 2021, a proposal was presented to lease a site in the cemetery for a Catholic based radio station tower, equipment, and transmitter

shed. At this May 5th meeting we will be updated on the proposal, answer questions, and vote on this lease.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Discernment: Steve Matthews

It is to inform you that Steve Matthews from our parish is discerning out from priestly formation. Steve was in the pastoral year for one year and was going to enter the Conception Seminary this fall. After prayer and reflection, Steve has discerned to choose a carrier in his father's footsteps. I thank you for your prayers and support to Steve during his discernment period. Let's continue to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Let us assure our continued prayers to Steve and wish him the best for his future career. Please see his letter addressed to parishioners below:

Hi St. Xavier's family!

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support while I have been discerning the priesthood. Thank especially to the men of Knights of Columbus Council 1029, and the ladies of Circle 4 and Living Water Ministries. You all have been a great help to me! It has been a challenging year, but I've grown so much closer to God in the process. God has truly helped me find my home in the church. I started this journey as a seminarian to find which vocation God had planned for me, and I discerned that He is not calling me to the priesthood. I will be moving back to Manhattan and starting a career as an electrician, following in my father's footsteps. Thanks again for all your support. Please continue to pray for me, and I will join you in continuing to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

*Your brother in Christ,
Steve Matthews*



LIVING WATER MINISTRY

Living Water Ministry will meet in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room on Monday, 01 May at 6:00 pm.

*WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS
PEACE IN OUR HEARTS.*

OCIA

We apologize for the omission of two names from the list for joining our Parish Family in last week's article:

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 Confirmation and First Communion:

Victoria Howard

Receiving Confirmation:

David Trammell

**Have a blessed week enjoying the gift of Spring from God!
Be ever thankful to Him for all your gifts.**



Coffee and Donuts Fellowship

The weekend of May 6 & 7 there will be food and fellowship in Our Lady of Perpetual Help room in Building B. Following Saturday 5:15 Mass there will be snacks and drinks and following all Sunday Masses there will be coffee and donuts. Please join your parish family in fellowship! Free will donations are accepted.

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:

07 May - Ana Davis
14 May - Janet Hahn
21 May - Rita Jenkins
28 May - Colleen Henney



5/3 - Class
5/7 - 2:00 pm First Communion Celebration



One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our

personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not. Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "*in persona Christi*" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance from someone who is deceased, or for a living person in honor of a birthday or special anniversary. A Mass intention can be for one person, a married couple, a parent and child, or a family.

Canon Law confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1). Furthermore, it continues by saying, "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2). An offering is given freely, by the faithful, primarily out of their concern for the Church and their desire to support its material needs.

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer... It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person." The Mass is said in communion with the entire Universal Church. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

To request a Mass intention, please contact Cindy at the Parish Office. The customary Mass intention offering for St. Xavier Parish is \$10.00 per Mass. Please plan early if wanting a specific date as there is only one Mass intention per Mass. On Sundays and Holy Days where there are multiple Masses, one Mass must be said for 'Pro Popolo' or 'For the people of the parish', per Canon Law.



Flute Recital

IVELIS BECKER, FLUTE
WENNY WEISS, PIANO

Kirmser Hall/McCain 204, K-State University
May 7th, 2023 at 4 pm

Works by
Bach, Martinu, Reinecke, Zyman

Free Entry

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!

We still have a couple of slots available to go with our St. Francis Xavier group to Prayer and Action! This program is open to high school students in grades 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-June 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 ASAP. Copies of the registration paperwork are also available in the Parish Office. Please contact Amber Davis at the Parish Office with any questions.



Mark your calendars! JR CYO is having a bake sale following all Masses on the weekend of May 13/14 or until all items are sold out. Please show your support to the youth of our Parish. Proceeds go towards JR CYO activities – swim party and JR CYO Camp!

Walking the Path to Heaven, June 1-4, 2023

Each year at the beginning of summer, hundreds of pilgrims walk 60 miles in the plains of the heartland of Kansas to the hometown of Servant of God Emil Kapaun. They do it not only to remember the heroic Catholic priest and Army chaplain who is on the path to sainthood, but to discover the true meaning of their own unique paths to sainthood. If you would like more details or to register visit: <https://frkapaun.org/pilgrimage/>

If you would like to learn more or join others from our Parish making this pilgrimage, contact Amber at the Parish Office.



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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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

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National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8th-12th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all St. Francis Xavier School teachers. I appreciate the time you spend both in and out of the classroom preparing lessons to meet student needs and the close relationships you build with our youth. The passion and enthusiasm you bring to the classroom not only gets students more excited about learning but also helps them grow closer to God through the Catholic faith. Thank you for being an outstanding staff to work with and all you do for students and families at St. Xavier. Parents and parishioners, this is the perfect time to show the educator in your child's life how much you have appreciated their dedication over the past school year. Show your gratitude for our St. X staff by bringing in snacks/goodies throughout the week of May 8th-12th to the school office. Thank you for helping us celebrate our phenomenal staff at St. Xavier.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL AUCTION

AUCTION ITEM PICK UP

Any auction items that were not picked up on the night of the event can be collected at the school office Monday-Friday from 7:50am-3:50pm. Alternative pick up arrangements can be made by calling the school office at (785)238-2841.



Congratulations to seven St. Xavier High School students who were inducted into the National Honor Society. These select students were chosen because they demonstrate high standards in scholarship, leadership, service and character - the four pillars of the National Honor Society.



ENROLLMENT

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Educating for Eternity Through Faith and Reason



Preschool

Our kindergarten readiness program is open to children 3 - 5 years of age. Options include two and three day morning or afternoon classes or a full day five day program.



K-5th Grade

A faith based education and small class sizes allow each child the opportunity to receive one on one instruction that encourages academic, spiritual, and personal growth.



6th-12th Grade

Middle and high school students receive a high quality education, faith formation, career counseling, and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Enroll Now!

Let us be a part of your family's faith journey for the 2023-24 school year! To learn more about the exceptional educational opportunities available at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School please contact the school office or visit our website.

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WE ARE HIRING

2023-24 Positions :

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- 4th Grade Teacher
- 7-12 Science Teacher
- Office Administrative Assistant (Secretary)
- Substitute Teachers

Apply Now

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We Appreciate You !!!

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