

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.

218 N. Washington St., Junction City KS 66441
Parish Office 785-238-2998 www.saintxparish.org

200 N. Washington St., Junction City KS 66441
School Office: 785-238-2841 www.saintxrams.org



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

07 May 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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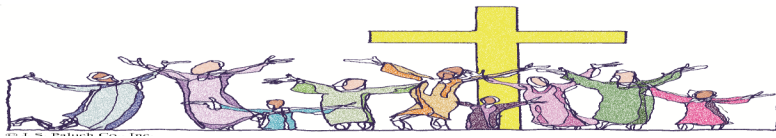
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Welcome to our Parish

"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, 07 May 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo All St. Xavier Parish families † Darlene Moritz	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C First Holy Communion Celebration , 2:00 pm
Monday, 08 May 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 09 May 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Phyllis Haupt	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday 4th Grade Recorder and Beginning Band Concert, 6:30 pm
Wednesday 10 May 2023	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass	Pro populo † Harvey Seto	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Thursday 11 May 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Pro populo	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration following Mass until 6:00 pm Parish Holy Hour , 6:00 pm Circle 4 mtg, 7:10 pm, OLPH
Friday 12 May 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Junior and Ruth Cook	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR HS Activities Awards Banquet, 6:00 pm
Saturday 13 May 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	Special intentions of the Henderson family	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm

May
The Month of
Our Blessed Mother



"All the devils venerate and fear the name of MARY to such a degree, that upon hearing it they immediately loosen the claws with which they hold the soul captive." ~St. Bridget

"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary." ~ St. Bonaventure

"The 'Hail Mary' will take us to heaven." ~ St. Jeanne Jugan

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

13-14 MAY 2023	SATURDAY, 13 MAY 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 14 MAY 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 14 MAY 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 14 MAY 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Kathy Triplett	Pat Beavers	Mary Effland	John Lamb
Extraordinary Ministers	Susan Kamphaus Jodean Tieyah Sandy Leistner	Jane Handlos Joe Handlos Cathy Handlos	Frank Catalo Amber Davis Brenda Dacus	Nanette Lamb Deb Breidenstein Lori Balderama
Gift Bearers	Ana Davis Family	Andrew Simon Family	Veniegas Family	Moreland Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1 st John Wagner - 2 nd Hannah Nguyen - 3 rd	Lucan Liebau - 1 st Jayden Striggow - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Kim Davis - 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryna Davis - 3 rd	Kassidy Jahnke- 1 st Jerry Murray - 2 nd Jeter Gonzalez- 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Katie Moeller Children's Choir
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Joshua Pittman Neal Patry	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Connie Backhus Larry Kramer	Mario Langas Ray Felix Humberto Cruz Correa Mary Ann Vieyra
Money Counters	Sr. DJ Rak, Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 29-30 Apr weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	410.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	13,000.68
Children's Tithing	\$	26.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	10.00
Growth and Development	\$	256.00
Memorial Donations	\$	145.00
Total Collection	\$	13,847.72

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

Apr Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 69,314.27**

Balance needed to meet our Mar needs: **\$ 7,647.27**

Apr 2023 G&D collected to date\$5,783.97

*- 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 Grell
Elizabeth Clark	Bruce Piava

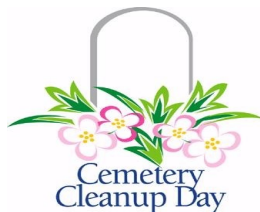
Cooper Holloway	Julie Taylor	Peggy Wawrzyniak
Reece Fairchild	Manny Pasquil	Mary Baker
Kelly Fielder	Ryleigh Joos	Pat Nicholson
Judy Rosa	John Cooner	Marty Perta
Elizabeth Bunce	Mary Bolette	

...and all those suffering in the unrest, famine and poverty in the world.

St. Mary's Cemetery Association

It is time to do spring cleaning at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please join us on May 17 at 5:30 pm to get our cemetery ready before Memorial Day. We will provide trash bags but encourage you to bring gloves and a rake.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Hail Mary Prayer

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.



holymotherchurch.blogspot.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Carry a Can of Oil

There was an old man who carried a little can of OIL with him everywhere that he went. If he passed through a door that squeaked – he put a little oil on the hinge. If a gate was hard to open – he oiled the latch. So he passed through life lubricating all the creaking places he encountered – making it easier for those who came after him. People called him “strange or odd or eccentric” and even harsher names. But the old man went steadily on – refilling his little can of oil when it got low – carrying with him wherever he went. He was just trying to do a little something. You know – there are many lives that creak & squeak day by day. They need lubricating with the OIL of “joy and kindness and compassion”. Jesus carried that oil with him at all time. He never ran out of love, compassion, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and Joy. He came to give life, life in abundance (John 10:10)

That can of oil is one of the predominant characteristics of a Christian life. Such a can of oil we are to carry around with us at all times.

God bless us all!

Father G

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the
Department of Children and Families
800.922.5330
KBI Crime Hotline
800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential
Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067
Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides a confidential
Hotline: 800.276.1562
Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel.



Questions regarding reporting should be directed to the Safe Environment Office
Diocese of Salina -785.827. 8746

“God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.”
1 John 1:5-7



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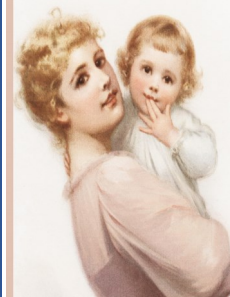
Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together make this world a beautiful garden.



In the eyes of a child you will see the world as it should be.



How you speak to your children becomes their inner voice.





Coffee and Donuts Fellowship

Join your parish family for food and fellowship in Our Lady of Perpetual Help room in Bldg B. Following Saturday 5:15 Mass there will be snacks and drinks and following all Sunday Masses there will be coffee and donuts. 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



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.

Prayer and Action Registration is open!

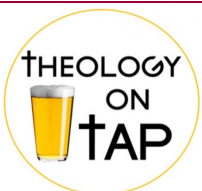
We still have a couple of slots available to go with our St. Francis Xavier group to Prayer and Action! This program is open to high school students in grades 9-12 in the 2022-2023 school year. Prayer and Action is a low cost mission trip that remains within the Salina Diocese. For students who would 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.



We need your help, please! Please do not bring things to leave in the church. It seems recently that old vacuums have been left in the cleaning closet...we now have four! And our cleaning team brings their own to use. If you have something that you are offering the Parish,

please bring them to the Parish Office. Father must approve whatever is placed in the church, to include all literature.

Our church is God's house and many try very hard to keep it worthy. Community is a major pillar of our faith. Being a parishioner means sharing your time and skills with others in your faith community. Search your heart for your talent, skills, expertise and your available time. If you would like to help in keeping up the many tasks of the church, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office. Many kind and generous folks already have tasks they keep up with weekly to keep our church in order and functioning. Please let us know where you can help!



Theology on Tap will meet on a new night, Tuesday May 23rd at 7:30 location to be determined. Theology on Tap is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) of the parish! 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 St. Xavier Parish '40 Cans of Food for the 40 Days of Lent', 2023, resulted in a total donation of 2,217 pounds of food. Most of this food was part of the Geary County Food Pantry's most needed items! The Food Pantry is very thankful for this needed food so that they can help more people. They realize that this was a big sacrifice from the families of the St. Xavier Parish. The baskets will remain available in the entry of the church as folks are always in need. God bless you all!

Knights of Columbus '40 for 40'



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!



June 12-16, 2023 9AM-Noon
St. Francis Xavier Building A

218 N. Washington, Junction City, KS

Parish Office Phone: 785-238-2998 Contact: Amber Davis

*For children currently in grades K-5

Please return the completed registration form to the Parish Office by June 2.



Participant Registration Form

Child's Information:

Name: _____

Gender: (circle one) M F Age: _____ Grade completed: _____

T-shirt size: (circle one) child sizes: XS S M L / adult sizes: S M L XL

Allergies or medical conditions: _____

Health Insurance # (if applicable): _____

Family Information:

Parents/Guardians' Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers:

Hm: _____ Wk: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well being of the participants in this VBS and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the VBS Team, or other associated volunteers of the VBS program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that myself or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese, and Parish from all manners of actions, claims which I or the child named above shall or may have for any reason, arising during my child's attendance of the VBS. Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the VBS week or for future advertisement of Parish VBS programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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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News from the Principal

The St. Francis Xavier School Auction was a huge success! There are so many people that we would like to thank. First, thank you to all the individuals and businesses who donated items or made monetary donations. The list of all donors is on our school website and school and parish Facebook. Second, we would like to express our gratitude to all our staff, students, and families who created the class baskets. Next, we are grateful for all who attended the event and bid on the various items. Finally, we would like to thank all of those on the auction and sub committees for all their hard work and dedication. There is a lot that happened behind the scenes to make this event possible. We appreciate your time and efforts to support this fundraiser. We feel extremely blessed to be a part of a parish and community that supports our Catholic school, so that it can continue to instill the faith in our students and prepare them to walk with Christ as they journey forward in life.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



Help us celebrate the work of our student artists,

instrumentalists, singers, and forensic performers at the 7th-12th grade Fine Arts Showcase on May 16th at 7:00pm. The showcase will be in the St. Xavier gym and all are welcome to attend.

Newsletter

Read about the latest school happen-

ings in the May newsletter! Grab a printed copy from the gathering space of the church or view it online at saintxrams.org.

**WE ARE
HIRING**

2023-24 Positions

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

Apply Now

St. Francis Xavier
School
principal@saintxrams.org

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 2023

Auction
WINNERS

Mary Shane
\$250 CASH BOARD

Sara Reno
\$500 CASH BOARD

Beth Peterson
\$500 RAFFLE

Natalie Justin
\$1000 RAFFLE

Jess Breidenstein
\$352.50 HEADS OR TAILS



*Be a part of the
lifesaving cause.*



**American
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

**Wednesday May 10th
9 AM – 3 PM**

School Gymnasium – Enter through Door A
200 N. Washington St.
Junction City, KS

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Alumni Banquet

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ON

MAY 27 2023

4:00PM - CAMPUS TOURS
5:00PM - HAPPY HOUR (BYOB)
5:15PM - ALUMNI MASS
6:15PM - WELCOME
7:00PM - DINNER

St. Xavier School Gymnasium | 200 N. Washington St.
Junction City, KS 66441

\$10 PER PERSON \$30 PER PERSON W/ MEAL

RSVP

NAME _____
CLASS _____ PHONE # _____
ATTENDING _____ # OF MEALS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. XAVIER ALUMNI
PLEASE RESPOND BY MAY 15 BY MAIL, EMAIL,
OR PHONE

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