

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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14 May 2023



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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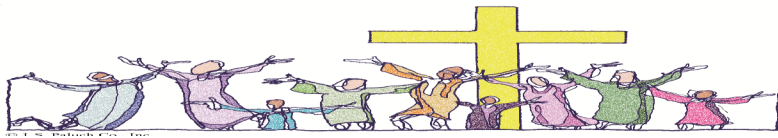
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Welcome to our Parish

"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, 14 May 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo † Jerry and Celina Vincent † Gayle Summers	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C
Monday, 15 May 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 16 May 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Pro populo	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday Fine Arts Showcase 7-12, 7:00 pm, School Gym
Wednesday 17 May 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Paul Lee and Ann Kwon	PreSchool Graduation, 1:00 pm Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Thursday 18 May 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Wilma Schoendaller	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration following Mass until 6:00 pm Finance Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
Friday 19 May 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	Yazmin Solis	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, 11:30 am, JC BBQ
Saturday 20 May 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Hilde Folwell	HS Graduation, 2:00 pm Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



Happy Mother's Day to all our St. Xavier Parish mothers!

Dear Lord,
Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven...and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day!



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
20-21 MAY 2023	SATURDAY, 20 MAY 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Susan Kamphaus	Joe Handlos	Kristina Coffman	Janet Hahn
Extraordinary Ministers	Sandy Leistner Ricardo Gutierrez Diane Ussery	Maureen Gustafson Betsy Liebau Andrew Simon	Sierra Jackson Jane Bauman Jeanie Wolford	John Lamb Deb Breidenstein Margie Langas
Gift Bearers	Sr. DJ Rak Diane Ussery	Patry Family	Jacob Davis Family	DeLa Cruz Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Henry Engstrom - 1 st Levi Engstrom - 2 nd John Engstrom - 3 rd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st John Hausauer - 2 nd Lucas Liebau - 3 rd	Caleb Justin - 1 st Jeter Gonzalez - 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	Heather Augustine Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy and Jodean Tieyah	Mike and Kellie Boeh Richard Gustafson Ellen Westerhaus	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Karen Eddy Larry Kramer	Paul Rosell John Hagerty Ray Felix Mary Ann Vieyra
Money Counters	Sr. DJ Rak, Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 06-07 May weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	1,095.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	10,288.00
Children's Tithing	\$	35.00
Growth and Development	\$	2,988.79
Memorial Donations	\$	0.00
Total Collection	\$	14,398.79

Amount needed to meet our May 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
May Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 14,398.79**
Balance needed to meet our May needs: **\$ 47,268.21**

May 2023 G&D collected to date\$2,988.79

*- 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 for 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:

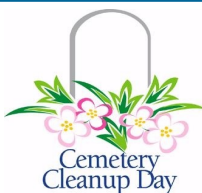
Deb Chaudary	Marissa Graham
Sandy Dietrich	Steve Matthews
Rebecca James	Tom Grell
Elizabeth Clark	Bruce Piava

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!*



JR CYO is having their annual bake sale following all Masses this weekend or until all items are sold out. All proceeds go towards JR CYO activities - swim party and JR CYO Camp!

Circle 1 will hold their monthly meeting at JC BBQ in Junction City on Friday, May 18 at 11:30 am. All women of the parish are welcome to attend!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Mother

Mother's Day is one of the most beautiful days of the year. It is a very special day to everyone. It is a day of eternal sunshine. 'Mother' is the most loved and pronounced word in the dictionary of human language. She is the definition of an authentic love. She is the classroom for learning. Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

We celebrate mothers because through their hands God cares for us when we are in need, through their mouths God speaks to us words of consolation when we are heartbroken, through their heart God pours out to us his unconditional love that never gives up on us. This is the meaning of an old Jewish proverb that says, "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

On this grace filled occasion, let us take few moments to pray for them and wish all mothers, including single mothers, step-mothers, adopted mothers, and spiritual mothers. May the Holy Spirit renew the hearts of all mothers so that they can live out their calling to motherhood with a deeper and more generous love within the daily circumstances of their lives! Happy Mother's Day!!!

God bless us all!

Father G



NEWS FROM OUR KNIGHTS

Knight of the Month: **Gerald Woydziak**
 Family of the Month: **Jeff Keating Family**

- The 50/50 pot was won by George Heard and the Progressive Pot had Sam Tabor's name pulled but he was not present to win.
- Jesse Engstrom's application was approved and he will soon have his exemplification. Thank you, Jesse, for joining our local Knights' council!

We had a very busy April with our Fish Fry, Gun Raffle, Ed Augustine Memorial Trap Shoot and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to all of you who participated in one or all of these activities. We helped with the annual school auction and you will find a Knight at just about every Mass as a usher, EOM, Lector or choir member. You will also find a Knight on the Parish Council, Finance Council, School Council, Building Committee, etc. Your local Knights of Columbus Council at work in the parish!!!

St. Xavier Parish thanks Cathy Handlos for her varied areas of help over the past several years. She will be moving at the end of May. St. Xavier Parish wishes Cathy the best future and will pray for her new adventure.

Sadly, this also means that we will need a Respect Life ministry lead. If you would be interested in leading our Parish in all things Respect Life, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office. It would be awesome to be able to transition the new lead in before Cathy leaves.

The mission of the Respect Life Office is to promote respect and the protection of God's gift of life from conception to natural death through public education, pastoral services, public policy, prayer, and worship. We seek conversion of all hearts and minds to a Culture of Life (Respect Life office at Salina Diocese).





KNIGHT'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Starting Mother's day weekend and ending on Father's Day weekend, the Knight of Columbus will be running our Baby Bottle Campaign for the local chapter of the Pregnancy Service Center. Please pick up a baby bottle and throw your loose change and bills in the bottle and return it on Father's Day. Thank you!!



Please join Mya Black succeed in her Eagle Scout project. Mya is a member of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264.

A box has been placed at the back of the church for collection of new or gently used twin sheets, blankets and pillows for the

Open Door facility across from the church. Pillows must be new. Mya is collecting from 03 May until 05 June.

Thank you for helping Mya and helping others in need.

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:

14 May - Janet Hahn

21 May - Rita Jenkins

28 May - Colleen Henney



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.



Loving God,
we thank you for the love
of the mothers you have
given us, whose love is so
precious that it can never
be measured, whose patience
seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers
who fear they will run out
of love or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them
with your own special love.

Amen.

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Theology on Tap will meet on a new night, Tuesday May 23rd at 7:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 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!

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.

ST. XAVIER PARISH FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2023

Front Row: ReAnne Dela Cruz, Callen Haden, Darren Dennis, Neely Nutter, Journey McGhee, Anastasia Breidenstein, Salia Ogo-Wasques, Penelope Ramirez Lopez

Second Row: Charles Eichhorn, Darren Dennis

Third Row: Ms. Morgenstern (school teacher), Zentavious LeBlanc, Lucas Anders, Gwyneth Wolfe, Dianne Forbes, Bailey Sweisburger, Weston Haslouer, Liam Simon, Lyla Liebau (Altar Server)

Fourth Row: Lucas Liebau (Altar Server), Preston Ellis, Camden Kramer, Estavon Lopez, Ivon Abalo, Declan Boehm, Charles Weigel, Jayden Striggow (Altar Server)

Fifth Row: Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, Noah Anderson Cruz, Ezmerelda Lopes, Ava Anderson Cruz, Mathew Welter, Gianna Bucani, Joshua Welter, Betsy Liebau (RE teacher)

Not pictured: Freya Wolfe

*May this life-giving Bread
always feed your soul and
nourish your spirit!
Congratulations on your
First Holy Communion.*



Educating for eternity through faith and reason

School Office Hours:
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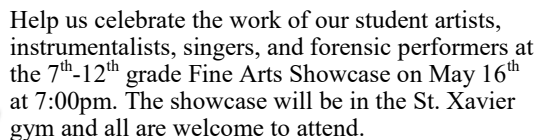
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There are just a couple more weeks to enroll your families at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in order to receive a \$25 registration fee discount. Please stop by the office to enroll in grades PreK-12th from 7:50 am-3:50 pm. The more students that you enroll, the more discounts you receive, so stop by a.s.a.p. to reserve a spot for your children for the 2023-2024 school year today. To find out more about what St. Xavier School has to offer, contact us at 785-238-2841, check out our website at saintxtrams.org or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. We would love to have you as part of our school family.

May 16- 7th-12th Fine Arts Showcase at 7:00 in the Gym
May 17- Preschool Graduation at 1:00 in the Gym
May 18- MS Awards Banquet and 8th Grade Promotion @ 6:00 in the Gym
May 20- High School Graduation in the Church @ 2:00
May 24- Last Day of School (Half Day) – Students Dismissed @ 11:00
Shawn Augustine, Principal



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to our April teacher of the month, Mrs. Kristen Dinsmore. She is a teacher who works with students' needs and is always willing to lend an ear to them when they need academic or emotional support. Mrs. Dinsmore is a teacher that students and staff look up to and is an inspiration to others. In addition, she did an amazing job helping the junior class plan prom this year. Thanks for all you do!

The middle school student of the month is 7th grader Arien Mangefel! Arien works hard and always participates in class. She is a problem solver and has perseverance when faced with academic challenges. Keep up the good work, Arien!

Sophomore Annabelle Haines is the April high school student of the month. Annabelle does well academically and also stays extremely busy being involved in a variety of activities throughout the school year. She is a great leader and is sweet to everyone that crosses her path. Well done, Annabelle!



The numbers are in! Thank you to all of the donors and volunteers who contributed to the St. Xavier auction. With your help we were able to raise \$95k for our parish school. We appreciate your support in making this a successful event!



THANK YOU!

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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LAST DAY of SCHOOL

**COMING
SOON!**





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