

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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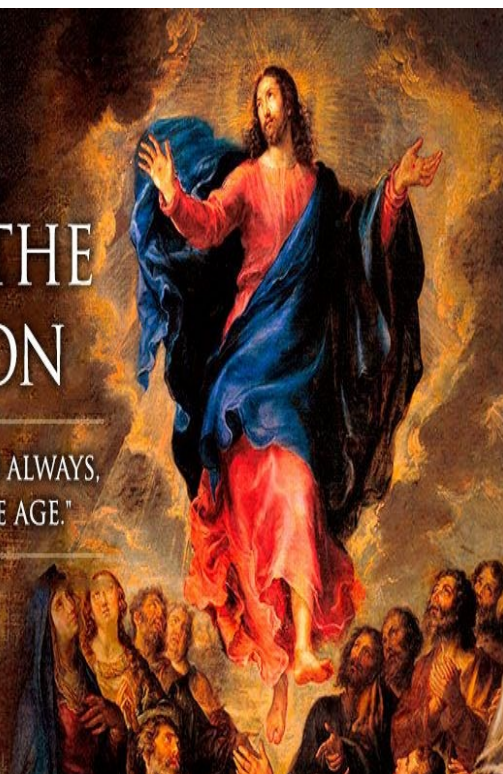
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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

21 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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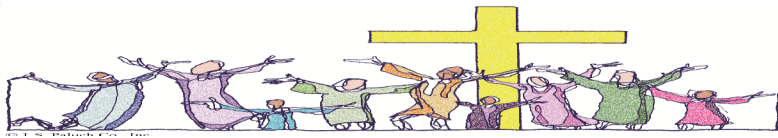
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Welcome to our Parish

"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, 21 May 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	All souls in Purgatory Pro populo L/D members of the Eckenrode and Hahn families	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C Parish Meeting, 'The Way Forward', 3:00 pm in church
Monday, 22 May 2023		No Mass		Parish Meeting, 'The Way Forward', 6:00 pm in church Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 23 May 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Helen and Joe Rak	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday Christian Service Family Life mtg, 6:15 pm, PMR
Wednesday 24 May 2023	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	St. Xavier School students and staff Pro populo	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Thursday 25 May 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Pro populo	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall No Adoration today School Council mtg, 5:15 pm, PMR Parish Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
Friday 26 May 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	L/D members of the Ussery family	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 27 May 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Vernon Hecker	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm Alumni Dinner, 4-9 pm, School Gym

Be sure to attend one of the Parish meetings regarding the
'Way Forward' to our Parish Hall.

Sunday, 21 May 2023, the meeting will be at 3:00 pm and the same meeting will be presented again on Monday, 22 May 2023, at 6:00 pm in order to accommodate all. Both meeting will be in the church. Please make plans to attend one of these informative meetings and participate with your parish family to carve the 'Way Forward' for us all.



St. Xavier Parish
MEETING

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

27-28 MAY 2023	SATURDAY, 27 MAY 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Ryan Rosauer	Pat Beavers	Bryan Schoenhofer	Eric Page
Extraordinary Ministers	Susan Kamphaus Mike Rhodes Sandy Leistner	Richard Striggow Thomas Hollis Eva Pearson	Jeanie Wolford Jane Bauman Brenda Dacus	Deb Breidenstein Lori Balderrama Margie Langas
Gift Bearers	Wagner Family	Glunz Family	Coffman Family	Langas Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1 st Hannah Nguyen - 2 nd John Wagner - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow - 1 st Lyla Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Jeter Gonzalez - 1 st Kim Davis - 2 nd Catalina Gonzalez - 3 rd	Jerry Murray - 1 st Janis Curit - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Anita Hernandez	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir	Anita Hernandez Barbie Campbell
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Pat and Angela Beavers AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard	Don Haffner Jeanie Wolford Bob Catalo Connie Backhus	Mario Langas Ray Felix Inga Curit Humberto Cruz Correa
Money Counters	Sr. DJ Rak, Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Totals for 13-14 May weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	390.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	9,579.86
Children's Tithing	\$	31.00
Growth and Development	\$	940.00
Memorial Donations	\$	125.00
Total Collection	\$	11,065.86

Amount needed to meet our May 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
May Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 25,464.65**
Balance needed to meet our May needs: **\$ 36,203.35**

May 2023 G&D collected to date\$3,928.79

*- 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.

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).



Special Thanks!

Thank you so much for your generous support of the JR CYO bake last weekend! All your donations will go towards Jr CYO activities and events this summer and the coming school year. God bless you!

Ascension

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while he worked at it – choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colors, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?"

Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension.

God bless us all!
 Father G



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!!

A STEWARD'S CONVICTION

All temporal and spiritual goods are created by and come from God. That is true of everything human beings have: spiritual gifts like faith, hope, and love; talents of body and brain; cherished relationships with family and friends; material goods; the achievements of human genius and skill; the world itself. One day God will require an accounting of the use each person has made of the particular portion of these goods entrusted to him or her.

Each will be measured by the standard of his or her individual vocation. Each has received a different "sum"—a unique mix of talents, opportunities, challenges, weaknesses and strengths, potential modes of service and response—on which the Master expects a return. He will judge individuals according to what they have done with what they were given.

The eternal disciple regards all he or she is and possesses as gifts and blessings and realizes the need to share those gifts and blessings with others for the sake of the kingdom of God.

One way to ensure your blessings is to be a responsive steward of time, talent and treasure. **Our liturgies are in great need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, gift bearers and altar servers!** It is time to answer the call and build your 'bank of givings' for time, talent and treasure.

According to the 1992 U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a steward is defined as a disciple of Jesus who "receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and returns them with increase to the Lord." What will you return to the Lord?

Please see the ministry leads on the face of the weekly bulletin or contact the Parish Office to build your 'bank' and help your parish.



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.

21 May - Rita Jenkins 28 May - Colleen Henney



Prayer for the Ascension of the Lord

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for you are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen.



Religious Education

We are seeking volunteer Catechists for the Religious Education program for the 2023-2024 school year to teach Preschool, Kindergarten, and substitute teachers. Please contact Amber at the Parish Office to help with Religious Education.

RCIA

As our Blessed Mother brings us to her Son Jesus, it is our task also to bring others to the Lord. Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith – someone unbaptized, or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being Confirmed. For information, please contact Amber at the Parish Office.



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!



Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary Cemetery at 10:00 am on 29 May 2023 with blessing of the graves.



faith music crafts games snacks fun prizes



Who: Children currently in grades K – 5
Where: St. Francis Xavier Building A
When: June 12-16
Time: 9AM - Noon
Cost: \$10
Registration Deadline: June 2
Contact: Parish Office 785-238-2998



S.A.L. BREAKFAST
Benefiting the
Junction City Pacers
Special Olympics Team



Saturday, May 27th, 2023

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**American Legion Post #45
201 E 4th St, Junction City**

\$10

DONATION
for ADULTS

\$7

DONATION
for CHILDREN
UNDER 10

**BISCUITS & GRAVY,
SCRAMBLED EGGS,
HASH BROWNS, SAUSAGE,
HAM, COFFEE & JUICE**

TICKETS:

Available at the Door, American Legion Post #45 Lounge or Coach John Hagerty 785-209-1996 MAKE CHECKS TO: Junction City Pacers.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. DINE-IN, CARRY-OUT OR PICK-UP! DELIVERY AVAILABLE



Neely and Nicole Nutter



Bailey and Samantha Sweisberger



Charles Eichhorn and family



Ezmerelda and Eztavon Lopez
and family

CROWNING OF MARY

Thank you to the youth and their families that shared in the honor of crowning Mary last Sunday on Mother's Day.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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

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I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and support this school year. Our success is made possible because of the phenomenal St. Xavier staff, supportive parishioners, and generous community members that are there with us every step of the way. Staff, students, and families, I wish you a blessed and relaxing break. May God keep you safe in all of your summer adventures, and I look forward to having you back at St. X for the 2023-2024 school year.

Last Day of School: Wednesday, May 24th – Dismissal at 11:00 am
Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm beginning May 30th
School Office Closed: May 26th & 29th and June 16th-July 14th

Shawn Augustine, Principal

Issue 35 of the Rams 'n Ewes alumni newsletter can be viewed on the school website at saintxrams.org under the Alumni tab. Printed copies are available in the school office.

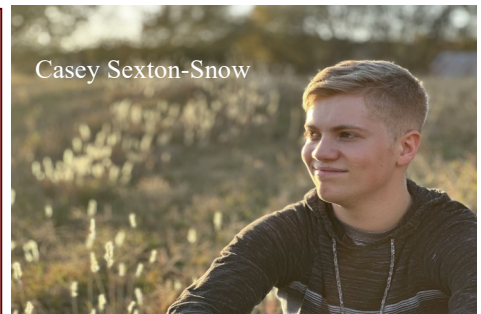


Jakob Black

Jakob Black is a St. Xavier pioneer having attended St. X since he was in preschool. He has been active in yearbook, student council, FBLA, trap team, and scouts. Upon graduation, Jakob will be attending Manhattan Technical College to study in the Networking/Industrial Engineering program. He hopes to work on servers for a company in the future.

Casey Sexton-Snow has been a part of the St. X family for 9 years and has enjoyed being involved in yearbook, FBLA, student council, scholars bowl, basketball, and track. He will attend Cloud County Community College in JC for one year and then plans to move onto Kansas State University to pursue a degree in engineering.

Grace Lichtensteiger has attended St. Xavier for 10 years and has been active in choir, band, forensics, FBLA, student council, volleyball, track, basketball, and cheer. She will begin classes at Barton County Community College this fall. Upon completion of her general courses, Grace plans to pursue a Bachelor's in Criminology.



Casey Sexton-Snow

CLASS OF 2023



Grace Lichtensteiger

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
We wish you the best in your future plans!

Boys and girls in K-8th grades are invited to attend the St. Xavier Basketball Camp this summer. The camp will be held on June 19th & 20th from 12:30-2:00pm in the school gymnasium. Cost is \$25 per child. Proceeds will benefit the high school boys' basketball team. Contact Cameron Augustine at cama@saintxrams.org for more information.



**WE ARE
HIRING**

2023-24 Positions

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

Apply Now

St. Francis Xavier
School

principal@saintxrams.org



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

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PLEASE RESPOND BY MAY 15 BY MAIL, EMAIL,
OR PHONE

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