

# 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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School Office: 785-238-2841 [www.saintxrams.org](http://www.saintxrams.org)



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
28 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](mailto:office@saintxparish.org)

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF

### Pastor

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### Parish Secretary

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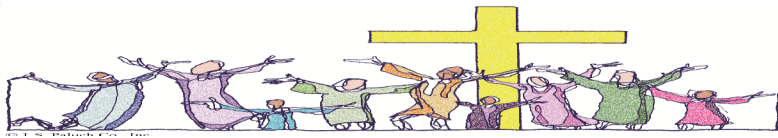
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# Welcome to our Parish

"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
<b>Sunday, 28 May 2023</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Cheryl Slattery Pro populo Alastair and Katlin Merkel	
<b>Monday, 29 May 2023</b>	10:00 am	Mass at St. Mary Cemetery	Pro populo	Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
<b>Tuesday, 30 May 2023</b>	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	LouAnn Milleson	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday
<b>Wednesday 01 Jun 2023</b>	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Pro populo	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
<b>Thursday 02 Jun 2023</b>	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Marie Braddy	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall
<b>Friday 03 Jun 2023</b>	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
<b>Saturday 04 Jun 2023</b>	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Sunday Vigil Mass	† Maria Cappelletti Dusty Milleson	No First Saturday Adoration Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



*Did you know...*

Each year, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

Our Holy Father's intention for the month of June: *for the abolition of torture*

We pray the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
03-04 JUNE 2023	SATURDAY, 03 JUN 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 04 JUN 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 04 JUN 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 04 JUN 2023 11:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	John Triplett	Allen Dinkel	Imee Kiser	Knights of Columbus
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Sandy Leistner Diane Ussery Ricardo Gutierrez	Richard Striggow Betsy Liebau Andrew Simon	Sierra Jackson Brenda Dacus Amber Davis	Knights of Columbus
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Wagner Family	Glunz Family	Justin Family	Knights of Columbus
<b>Altar Servers with server assignments</b>	John Wagner - 1 <sup>st</sup> Hannah Nguyen - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyla Liebau - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lucas Liebau - 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Hausauer - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeter Gonzalez - 1 <sup>st</sup> Caleb Justin - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Catalina Gonzalez - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janis Curit- 1 <sup>st</sup> Kassidy Jahnke - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bernhards Curit- 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Musician and Cantor</b>	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Heather Augustine Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine
<b>Ushers</b>	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy and Jodean Tieyah	Pat and Angela Beavers Louis Rodriguez Cindy Lamberty	Don Haffner Larry Kramer Connie Backhus Bob Catalo	Mario Langas Knights of Columbus
<b>Money Counters</b>	Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor			



# STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

## Tithes and Offerings

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Totals for 20-21 May weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	1,250.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	8,808.00
Children's Tithing	\$	34.00
Growth and Development	\$	130.00
Memorial Donations	\$	2,245.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,467.00</b>

Amount needed to meet our May 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 \*  
May Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 37,931.65**  
*Balance needed to meet our May needs:* **\$ 23,735.35**

May 2023 G&D collected to date .....\$4,061.79

\*- 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	Shirley Oaks

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

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).

Our parish is in need of someone to lead our Respect Life program. If this is something you could share your talent with please contact Cindy in the Parish Office.



Weather permitting, Father G will say Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday, May 29, at 10:00 am. Following Mass he will bless the cemetery. Please bring your lawn chairs and join us for this Memorial Day Mass. If it should rain, Mass will be held in St. Xavier church.

### PENTECOST

The great Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) wrote with bitterness: "Many Christians have an excessive poor knowledge about the Holy Spirit. They mention His name in pious exercises, but their faith is no longer alive. They do not speak about His gifts; they do not know them except for a few lines they learned at catechism" (Encyclical: Divinum Illud Munus).

Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the Church. 50 Days after Jesus' resurrection, the apostles were gathered together, waiting for the promised "Holy Spirit" to come upon them. The Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles as it was promised by Jesus. Moved by the Spirit, the Apostles began to preach the gospel and established His Church to the ends of the earth through their life witness.

The power of the Holy Spirit is the life of all Christians; as a Church, we are called to reach beyond our own borders, our own comfort and find our place within the entire body of believers. We as Baptized Christians, filled with the same Holy Spirit that came down on the Apostles on Pentecost, are to offer the witness of the kingdom of God to our family, our society and the global community.

Come Holy Spirit!  
Father G

### 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 authentic 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.



*New Month...new random act of kindness!!!*

### 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.

28 May - Colleen Henney



# WE NEED YOU



The St. Xavier Parish Pastoral Council has one member who will be ending their current term after the June meeting. The vacancy is a three-year term with the *option* to continue their term for an additional three years.

(Total 6 years) The Pastoral Council meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Occasionally when working a project or issue, there might be the need for a workshop session. Please prayerfully consider joining our Parish Pastoral Council!

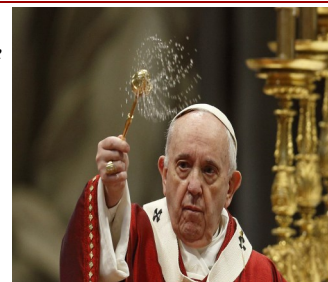
Please notify the Parish Office on or before Thursday, June 8 if you are interested or would like to nominate someone. Those interested will be given a short information sheet to *complete and return* to the office by **Thursday, June 8 at 3:00 p.m.**



Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 29 May, in observance of Memorial Day.

*Below is the prayer to the Holy Spirit recommended by Pope Francis for all Catholics to know:*

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms  
shine.



You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; sweet refreshment here below; in our labor, rest most sweet; grateful coolness in the heart; solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, and our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away: bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore and confess you, evermore in your sevenfold gift descend; give them virtue's sure reward; give them your salvation, Lord; give them joys that never end. Amen.

The St. Mary's Cemetery Association thanks the anonymous donor who put up a new flag. A perfect gift right before Memorial Day! Thank You!



## HERINGTON'S POST OFFICE RENAMING DEDICATION - MAY 30, 2023

**FR. EMIL J. KAPAUN MEMORIAL MASS**  
11:30 A.M.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
712 N. Broadway, Herington, KS

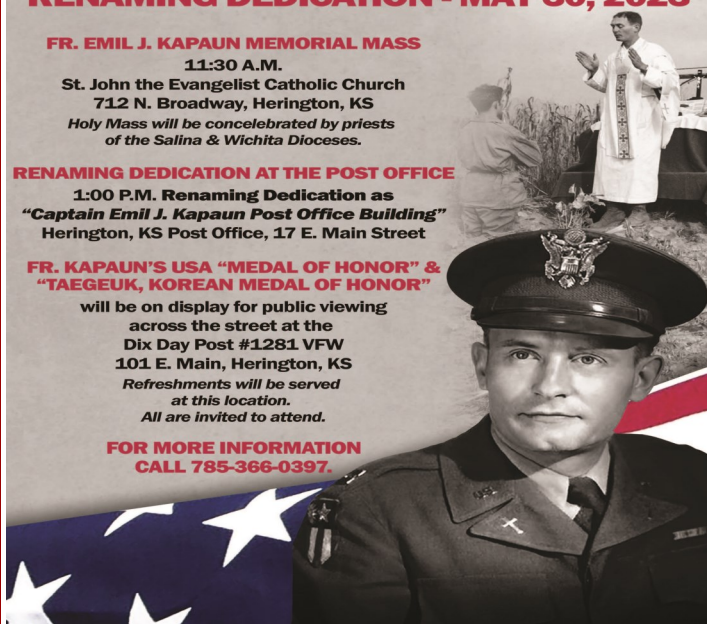
*Holy Mass will be celebrated by priests of the Salina & Wichita Dioceses.*

**RENAMING DEDICATION AT THE POST OFFICE**  
1:00 P.M. Renaming Dedication as  
"Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building"  
Herington, KS Post Office, 17 E. Main Street

**FR. KAPAUN'S USA "MEDAL OF HONOR" & "TAEGEUK, KOREAN MEDAL OF HONOR"**

will be on display for public viewing  
across the street at the  
Dix Day Post #1281 VFW  
101 E. Main, Herington, KS  
Refreshments will be served  
at this location.  
All are invited to attend.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 785-366-0397.**



**STOP**  
Human Trafficking

Pope Francis says: "Human trafficking is an open wound o the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of hrist. It is a crime against humanity." Remember in your prayers those who are in slavery to crime.

US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Road, Suite 109, Brighton MI 48114

faith music games snacks  
crafts **CAT CHAT** fun prizes  
Vacation Bible School



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





# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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

## SCHOOL STAFF

### Principal

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Another school year is in the books at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. This school year would not have been complete without the expertise and dedication of our staff. I am proud of all our staff and the relationships that they provide to our students to encourage them to grow personally, academically, and spiritually. As we transition through this summer and prepare for next school year, we have some staff who are leaving us, and I want to wish them all the best as they move forward in their future endeavors. Staff who are leaving are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher – Krystina Haines  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – Bryn Morgenstern  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher – Alyssa Hay  
7-12 Science Teacher – Shawna Serpan  
7-12 Social Studies Teacher & Activities Director – Chad Stramel  
K-12 School Counselor – Natalie Justin  
Office Administrative Assistant – Eden Crabb

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with us. We appreciate you and all you have done in your time here at St. Xavier School. May God continue to bless you as you move on from our Ram Family.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



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Boys and girls in K-8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend the St. Xavier Basketball Camp this summer. The camp will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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  
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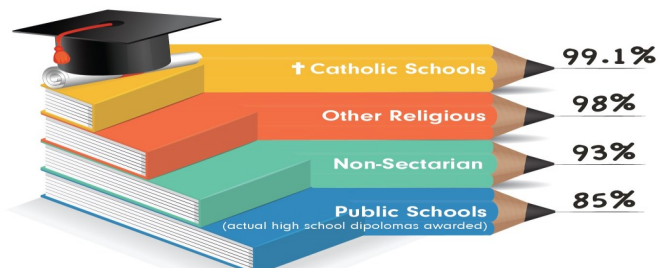
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Issue 35 of the Rams 'n Ewes alumni newsletter can be viewed on the school website at [saintxrams.org](http://saintxrams.org) under the Alumni tab. Printed copies are available in the

## U.S. Graduation Rates

A look at national high school graduation rates.



Source: Broughman, S.P., Swain, N.L. (2013); Stillwell, R., and Sable, J. (2017).



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