

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



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 11 Jun 2023

THIS IS MY
Body
THIS IS MY
Blood



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

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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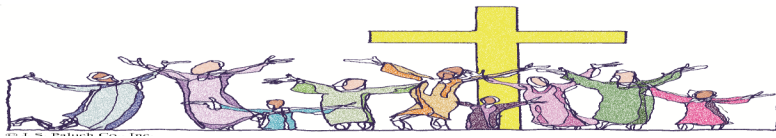
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Welcome to our Parish

"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, 11 Jun 2023 | 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | Pro populo † Donald Ross, Jr L/D members of Eckenrode and Hahn families | |
| Monday, 12 Jun 2023 | | No Mass | | Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C |
| Tuesday, 13 Jun 2023 | 5:30 pm | Holy Mass | Ralph Schmedermann | Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday Theology on Tap, 7:30 pm, OLPH |
| Wednesday 14 Jun 2023 | 5:30 pm | Holy Mass | † Charles and Isabelle Fiffe | Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 |
| Thursday 15 Jun 2023 | 8:00 am | Holy Mass | † Vernon Hecker | Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm Finance Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR |
| Friday 16 Jun 2023 | 11:00 am | Holy Mass w/ VBS children | Jude Fairchild | Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR Circle I mtg, 2:30 pm, Knights' Hall |
| Saturday 17 Jun 2023 | 5:15 pm | Sunday Vigil Mass | For the Parish Staff and all their helpers | Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm |



*Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today,
we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and
Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul
and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer
You our undivided love and also service to our
brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will.
We pray this in the Name of the Father, and the Son
and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

| 17-18 JUNE 2023 | SATURDAY, 17 JUN 2023 5:15 PM | SUNDAY, 18 JUN 2023 8:00 AM | SUNDAY, 18 JUN 2023 9:30 AM | SUNDAY, 18 JUN 2023 11:00 AM |
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| Lector | Susan Kamphaus | Cindy Lamberty | Bryan Schoenhofer | Margie Langas |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Mike Rhodes Diane Ussery Sandy Leistner | Jane Handlos Joe Handlos Eva Pearson | Frank Catalo Jeanie Wolford Eric Page | Deb Breidenstein Lori Balderama Randy Testa |
| Gift Bearers | Sr. DJ Rak Diane Ussery | Korie Family | Jacob Davis Family | Langas Family |
| Altar Servers with server assignments | Timothy Nguyen - 1 st Hannah Nguyen - 2 nd | Jayden Striggow - 1 st Grayson Bechard - 2 nd | Kim Davis - 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd | Kassidy Jahnke- 1 st - 2 nd - 3 rd |
| Musician and Cantor | Katie Moeller Barbie Campbell | Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman | Sandi Adams Choir | Katie Moeller Dana Davis |
| Ushers | Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy and Jodean Tieyah | Richard Striggow Ellen Westerhaus Brandon Bechard Joshua Pittman | Don Haffner Bob Catalo Connie Backhus Karen Eddy | John Hagerty Humberto Cruz Correa Josh Lichtensteiger Ray Felix |
| Money Counters | Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor | | | |

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 03 - 04 June weekend collections:

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| Online Giving: | \$ | 1,055.00 |
| Envelopes/loose checks/cash: | \$ | 10,985.20 |
| Children's Tithing | \$ | 20.00 |
| Growth and Development | \$ | 2,708.00 |
| Memorial Donations | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Collection | \$ | 14,768.20 |

Amount needed to meet our June 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
June Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 14,768.20**
Balance needed to meet our June needs: **\$ 46,898.80**

June 2023 G&D collected to date\$2,708.00

*- 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:

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

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| Cooper Holloway | Julie Taylor | Peggy Wawrzyniak |
| Jude 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.

RESPECT LIFE



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.

Prayerfully remember we need EMs, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors and folks to bring our gifts forward at Offertory....hmmm...which one fits you best?



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Corpus Christi

Leonardo da Vinci was 43 years old when the Duke of Milan asked him to paint the Last Supper. He worked on it slowly and with meticulous attention to detail. He spent much time making the cup that Jesus held as beautiful as possible. After three years he was ready to show it, and he called a friend to come and see it. He said, "Look at it and give me your opinion." The friend said, "It is wonderful. The cup is so real I cannot take my eyes off it!" Immediately, Leonardo took a brush and drew it across the sparkling cup. He exclaimed as he did so: "Nothing shall detract from the figure of Christ!" Christ must be the primary focus of a Christian's life.

As we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, let us be reminded of the grace and life we receive at the Eucharist. As we celebrate this great feast of faith, let us worship what St. Thomas Aquinas did not hesitate to call, "the greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth My Body My Blood". Before the greatness of this mystery, let us exclaim with St. Augustine, "O Sacrament of devotion! O Sign of unity! O Bond of charity!" Let us also repeat St. Thomas Aquinas' prayer of devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament: "O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

May God bless us all abundantly!

Father G

Farewell Father Gnanasekar

There will be a Farewell Reception and Card Shower for Father Gnanasekar Kulandai on Sunday, Jun 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 126 W. 7th Street from 4:00- 5:00 pm. Cake, tea and water will be served.

There will be a box on both sides of the Gathering Space at the back of the church for cards if you will be unable to attend the Farewell Reception.

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.

Statute Schedule:

11 Jun - Janet Hahn
 18 Jun - Mario and Margie Langas
 25 Jun - Sr. DJ Rak and Diane Ussery



St. Francis Xavier Rosary Group

The Catholic Funeral Rite is comprised of three separate and vital parts: the Vigil, the Funeral Mass and the Committal. The Vigil is more commonly known as visitation and is commonly held the night before the Funeral Mass. During the Vigil Rite, the Holy Rosary is recited by family and friends for the deceased. Since Covid, many families have opted to have the Rosary said right before the start of the Funeral Mass.



If you could help St. Francis Xavier Parish by leading the Rosary for our funerals, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office. The proper Rosary format for the funeral rite will be provided for the Rosary leader. It is usually completed within 20 minutes. The attendees to the visitation or funeral join in the recitation of the Rosary.

We hope to build a bank of volunteers so that we can call around to reach a volunteer to lead the Rosary for the family of our deceased parishioners. Please consider and contact Cindy at the Parish Office.

OCIA

The great Solemnity of Pentecost marks the great gift of the Holy Spirit to those God the Father calls to be his own. Perhaps you can think of someone who longs to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. Can you plant the seeds of hope as you speak of our Father's loving care, and his everlasting promises fulfilled in the sending of his Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Ask about the RCIA inquiry sessions for those who are not baptized, are of other faiths, or are adult Catholics who were not confirmed by contacting Amber at the Parish Office.



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.



As you take off for your summer vacation...here's a thought! Maybe put away just \$10 or \$20 for iGiveCatholic this year. This is where we remember to give back for our many blessings and gifts from God. What a perfect way to celebrate vacation by giving thanks for it by 'giving back'. **Giving Tuesday is 28 Nov!**



Since our bulletin publishing company closed their doors unexpectedly, our parishioners lost the capability to receive the weekly bulletin directly into their email. Well, thanks to the help of Eric Page we have built that capability on our webpage now!

To receive the weekly parish bulletin via email, please go to the St. Xavier webpage at www.saintxparish.org to the home page. Right under the "This Week's Bulletin" box is the "Weekly Bulletin Signup" box. Enter your email address and hit the 'click to subscribe' box. You will only have to register once. It's that easy!

Thank you for your patience in getting this capability back to all.

Theology on Tap is now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Jun 13th at 7:30 pm with location to be determined. 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!



Saturday, July 1st 2023

St. Xavier bldg. "C"

9:00 AM — 6:00 PM



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Statute Schedule:

28 May - Colleen Henney
04 Jun - Ray and Susan Kamphaus
11 Jun - Janet Hahn
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Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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Mon-Fri: 7:50am - 3:50pm

SCHOOL STAFF

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Natalie Justin, President
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News from the Principal

If you are considering a Catholic education for your children, we would love to have you as part of our St. Francis Xavier family. St. Xavier provides a positive learning environment where every student has the opportunity to work closely with teachers and grow in their faith, morals, and education. Please call the school at 785-238-2841 or send email to principal@saintxrams.org to set up a meeting and tour the school campus. Summer office hours continue through June 15th Monday-Thursday from 9-1. The office will close June 16th and will reopen on July 17th. We look forward to having you at our school.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



School Council members are needed for the 2023-24 school year. The council convenes for monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday at 5:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room to advise administration on school business. New member terms will begin in August and members can serve up to three consecutive years. Volunteers may contact Josh Lichtensteiger at joshualick07@gmail.com.



We Are
HIRING

2023-24 Positions :

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- 5th/6th Math & Science Teacher
- 7-12 Theology Teacher
- 7-12 Science Teacher
- K-12 Counselor
- Office Administrative Assistant (Secretary)
- Substitute Teachers

Apply Now

St. Francis Xavier School
principal@saintxrams.org 785-238-2841



St. Xavier High School cheer Team UCA Home Camp was held June 2nd & 3rd. The UCA (Universal Cheer Association) instructor, Charlize, taught the team 9 cheers/chants, 5 dances, stunt techniques, jump techniques, ideas for Pep Rallies, lead team building, safety awareness, and more. The St. X Cheer team will also attend a Stunt Clinic at MNU in Olathe, Ks later this summer.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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\$25

JUNE 19 & 20

ST XAVIER GYM FROM 12:30pm-2pm

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All proceeds go to the High School Boy's Basketball Team.

Contact Cameron Augustine at cama@saintxrams.org or 785-238-2841 for more information about basketball camp.



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