

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



....a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 Jun 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

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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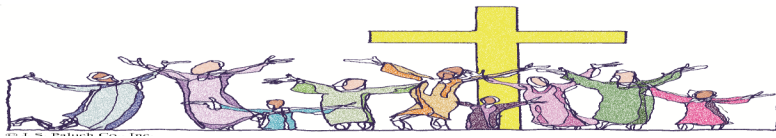
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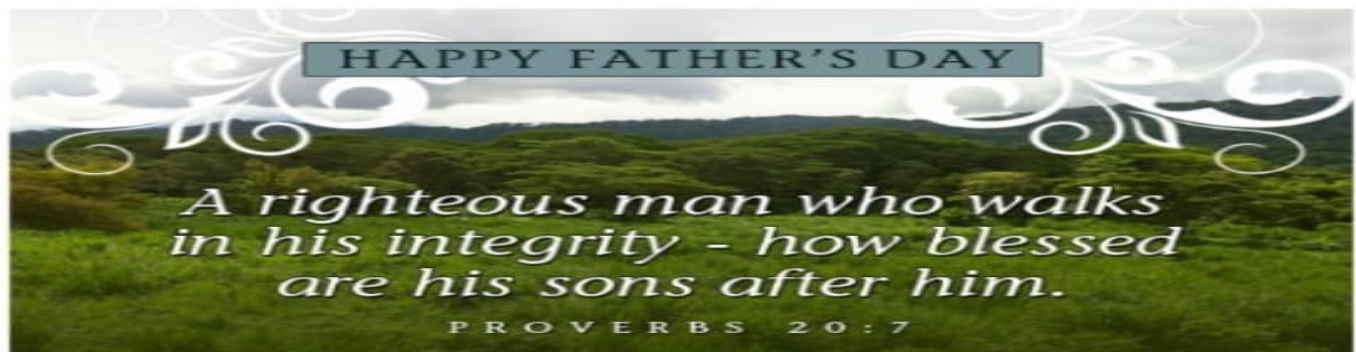
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Welcome to our Parish

"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."
-St. Francis Xavier

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR					PMR - Parish meeting room	OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS		† - Deceased
Sunday, 18 Jun 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Louis Rodriquez Pro populo † Darlene and Jim Moritz	Farewell Fr. Gnanasekar , 4:00 pm, Knights' Hall		
Monday, 19 Jun 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C		
Tuesday, 20 Jun 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday		
Wednesday 21 Jun 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Helen and Joe Rak	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239		
Thursday 22 Jun 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Marianne Holton	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm Parish Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR		
Friday 23 Jun 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	Pro populo	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm		
Saturday 24 Jun 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Ricky Hahn	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm		



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
24-25 JUNE 2023	SATURDAY, 24 JUN 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 25 JUN 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 25 JUN 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 25 JUN 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Kathy Triplett	Pat Beavers	Kristina Coffman	Ricardo Vieyra
Extraordinary Ministers	Jodean Tieyah Mike Rhodes Susan Kamphaus	Maureen Gustafson Andrew Simon Betsy Liebau	Frank Catalo Amber Davis Eric Page	Nanette Lamb John Lamb Susan Kamphaus
Gift Bearers	Engstrom Family	Patry Family	Veniegas Family	Moreland Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Levi Engstrom - 1 st Henry Engstrom - 2 nd John Engstrom - 3 rd	Lucas Liebau - 1 st Lyla Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Kim Davis - 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Janis Curit - 1 st Kassidy Jahnke - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Katie Moeller Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Richard Striggow Richard Gustafson Neal Patry Joshua Pittman	Don Haffner Jeanie Wolford Bob Catalo Connie Backhus	Paul Rosell Humberto Cruz Correa Inga Curit Mario Langas
Money Counters	Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Totals for 10-11 June weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	240.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	11,729.77
Children's Tithing	\$	7.00
Growth and Development	\$	975.00
Memorial Donations	\$	0.00
Total Collection	\$	12,951.77

Amount needed to meet our June 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
June Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 27,719.97**
Balance needed to meet our June needs: \$ 33,947.03

June 2023 G&D collected to date\$3,683.00

*- 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..

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.

Adios

It is with heart full of gratitude I bid farewell to our beloved St. Francis Xavier Parish and School community. I truly cherished my time with the wonderful people here for the past 4 years. I entered this community like a stranger looking for arms to hold, hearts to shelter and people to lead. You welcomed me with your hearts wide open and helped me to breathe the fresh air of your love, shared your friendship and walked along the journey of faith. I am indebted to everyone for your love and affection.

I am so grateful for my staff who always cheerfully helped me to serve our people with love and devotion. I am so proud of their dedication and commitment to the mission of the parish and school. I am very fortunate to have worked with highly talented and committed members of Pastoral Council, Finance Council, School Council, Building Committee, and other sub-committees who have the clear vision of the parish and work together to build the Body of Christ.

My sincere thanks to the school staff and students, Faith formation team for keeping the faith alive in our campus and passionately passing it on to the future Church. We have dynamic study groups and numerous ministries led by incredible people in our parish who volunteer their time and talents to expand the mission of Christ. Thank you for being a living witness to our faith.

I am immensely sad to leave our parish but happy for Fr. Kerry Ninemire, a very passionate priest to lead our faithful.

I have learned and grown in my own faith in the last 10 years of my ministry in Salina Diocese. I am greatly indebted to our bishop and priests and people of our diocese. My last weekend Mass in the parish will be June 24/25. I am going to assist few priests in our diocese both July & August. Then I fly to India in September.

I am going to take my next appointment as Rector of St. Francis Xavier Minor Seminary at Naguner, Tamilnadu, India. Please do remember me in your prayers!

Thank you very much for the farewell parties, warm wishes and personal gifts. I will truly miss you but treasure you in my heart. Let us be united in prayer and love. God bless you!

Father G

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Prayer Request

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

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

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.

Prayerfully remember we need EMs, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors and folks to bring our gifts forward at Offertory....hmmm...where can we count on YOU to help with our liturgy?



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.

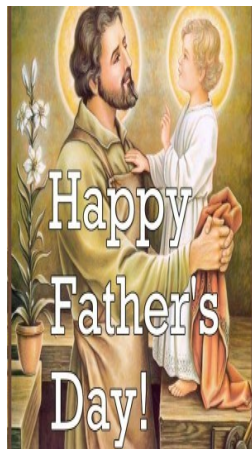
We hope to build a bank of volunteers so that we can call around to reach a volunteer to lead the Rosary for the family of our deceased parishioners. Please consider and contact Cindy at the Parish Office.



Knights of Columbus

Knights of the Month: **Ray Felix**
Family of the Month: **Ricardo Viera Family**

- ♦ The 50/50 Post was won by Frank Catalo
- ♦ The Progressive Pot had Russell Wilson's name pulled but he was not present to win.
- ♦ Welcome to three new members who were inducted into the Knights of Columbus on June 4th after the 11:00 am Mass. The new members are Jesse Engstrom, Eric Coffman and Humberto Cruz-Correa. Welcome Sir Knights!



Dear God, thank You for the gift of our Fathers!
Thank You for their encouragement, their guidance, and their provision for us.
Thank You for their patience, understanding and sense of humor - in short, for their unfailing love!
Please bless our Fathers with Your Spirit of wisdom, counsel, and fortitude.
May they feel Your love in their hearts, Your peace in their minds, and Your joy in their spirits this day.
We ask all this in the name of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of good Saint Joseph, who You chose to be His Father on earth. Amen.

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.



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.



CATHOLIC SCOUTING

Saturday, July 1st 2023

St. Xavier bldg. "C"

9:00 AM — 6:00 PM



CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT



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.



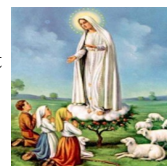
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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:

18 Jun - Mario and Margie Langas

25 Jun - Sr. DJ Rak and Diane Ussery



June is half gone now...what random act of kindness have you accomplished in the way of the Lord?

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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

SCHOOL STAFF

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Office Administrative Assistant
vacant

Activities President

Megan Baseley
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PTO

Natalie Justin, President
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News from the Principal

Reminders:

K-8 Basketball Camp: June 19th & 20th 12:30pm-2:00pm
Hosted by the HS Boys' BB Team (Cost \$25)
Open to all students in the community going into grades K-8 next school year

HS & MS Basketball Camp: June 26th-28th 2:00pm-4:00pm
Open to St. Xavier students going into 6th-12th grades next school year

Employment Opportunities:

St. Francis Xavier School is looking for educators who are passionate about their Catholic faith and desire to build strong relationships with students to help them grow both academically and spiritually. We have the following positions currently open for the 23-24 school year: 2nd grade, 5th/6th math & science, 7-12 science, and PreK-12 counselor. If you, or someone you know is being called to educate students at St. Xavier, please contact the school office today at 785-238-2841, or send email to principal@saintxrams.org. We look forward to having you join our St. Xavier family.

Shawn Augustine



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
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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
SCHOOL OFFICE
CLOSED

The school office will be closed from
June 16th-July 16th.

For school information please visit our
website at saintxrams.org or contact
Shawn Augustine at
principal@saintxrams.org



St. Francis Xavier School is currently enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. Families interested in PreK through 12th grades are invited to learn more about the exceptional educational opportunities available. Enrollment packets can be printed from the school website at saintxrams.org. Help us promote our parish school by spreading the word about open enrollment and encouraging families to come check us out. Contact Principal Shawn Augustine at principal@saintxrams.org for additional information.



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.

SCHOOL'S
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