

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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TWELTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
25 Jun 2023



*The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord,
and you will also testify*

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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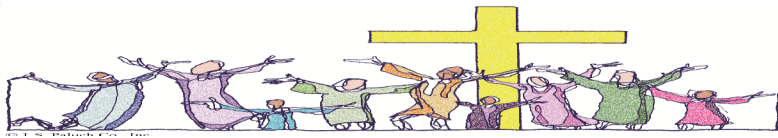
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Welcome to our Parish
"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."
 -St. Francis Xavier

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room † - Deceased				
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday, 25 Jun 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jeremiah Slattery † Jerry and Celina Vincent Pro populo	
Monday, 26 Jun 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 27 Jun 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 Theology on Tap, 7:30 pm, Knights of Columbus hall
Wednesday 28 Jun 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Jude Fairchild	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Thursday 29 Jun 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Janet and †Ricky Hahn	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm School Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
Friday 30 Jun 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	Lee and Deb Breidenstein	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 01 Jul 2023	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Sunday Vigil Mass	† Ricky Hahn † Auguster and Marina Davis	Catholic Scout Retreat, 8:00am -7:00pm, Bldg C basement Adoration, following Mass until noon Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
01-02 JUL 2023	SATURDAY, 01 JUL 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 02 JUL 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 02 JUL 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 02 JUL 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Kathy Triplett	Joe Handlos	Eric Page	John Lamb
Extraordinary Ministers	Ricardo Gutierrez Diane Ussery Susan Kamphaus	Kellie Boeh Mike Boeh Andres Simon	Sierra Jackson Jeanie Wolford Jane Bauman	John Lamb Nanette Lamb Margie Langas
Gift Bearers	Ana Davis Family	Joshua Pittman Family	Engstrom Family	Langas Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1 st Hannah Nguyen -2 nd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st Grayson Bechard - 2 nd Jayden Striggow - 3 rd	Henry Engstrom - 1 ^s Levi Engstrom - 2 nd John Engstrom - 3 rd	Kassidy Janke - 1 st Janis Curit - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Katie Moeller Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir	Katie Moeller Lauryn Peterson
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Teddy and Jodean Tieyah Shar Boland	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Louis Rodriguez	Don Haffner Karen Eddy Bob Catalo Larry Kramer	Mary Ann Vieyra Karen Eddy Bob Catalo Larry Kramer
Money Counters	Margie Langas, Murleen Jones, Karen Girardot			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Totals for 18-19 June weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	1,295.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	7,764.96
Children's Tithing	\$	34.00
Growth and Development	\$	25.00
Memorial Donations	\$	125.00
Total Collection	\$	9,243.96

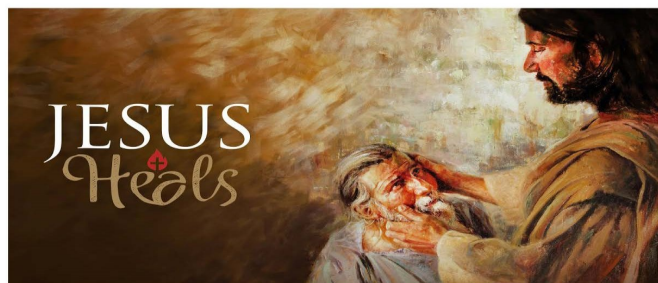
Amount needed to meet our June 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 *
June Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 36,963.93**
Balance needed to meet our June needs: **\$ 27,963.93**

June 2023 G&D collected to date\$3,708.00

*- 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.



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. —James 5:14-16

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

Father George Chalbham C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi, Chaplain of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Diocese of Salina
 St John the Evangelist Catholic Church • 712 Broadway • Herington, KS 67449

5:30PM Mass • 6:00PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 366-6189

Theology on Tap is now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is June 27th at 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 126 W. 7th Street. 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!



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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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
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.



Birthday Blast Vacation Bible School

Birthday Blast Buddy drawings that were left at VBS will be available for pickup in the Parish Office until July 7th.

VBS pictures and frames will be mailed to each family. Many special thanks to the adult and youth volunteers, parents, and the youth that helped with and participated in the Birthday Blast Vacation Bible School, this year was a huge success!

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:

25 Jun - Sr. DJ Rak and Diane Ussery
02 Jul - Ricardo and MaryAnn Vieyra
09 Jul - Steve and Lori Balderramma
16 Jul - Janet Hahn
23 Jul - Steve and Collette Matthews
30 Jul - Antonio and Yazmin Solis



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.

How can I help my parish family...let me count His ways!

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.



Top 10 Reasons To Become a Catechist

We can help pass on knowledge of the faith and love for Christ by being a catechist in our parish.

10. The best way to learn is to teach.

If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge.

9. Catechists tell the truth.

The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance.

8. Sharing the faith is an honor.

It's estimated that fewer than 1 percent of Catholics are catechists.

7. Your own faith will come alive.

As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.

6. You become an active part of the most active part of your parish.

When you join the catechists in your parish, you enter into a community that will support you on your faith journey, pray for and with you and encourage you in your Catholic way of life.

5. A catechist is a role model.

As a catechist, you get to model behaviors young people might now learn anywhere else.

4. You will be practicing stewardship.

Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource – your time.

3. You show your own family that you value religious education.

Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high priority on religious education.

2. It's fun

Children remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints.

1. It's what we are called to do.

At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."



Saturday, July 1st 2023

St. Xavier bldg. "C"

9:00 AM — 6:00 PM

CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT



Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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Scotch Tape
White Out
White Out Tape
Construction Paper
Reams of Colored Copy Paper
Manilla Clasp Envelopes
(9X12 and Larger)

Paper Towels
Glue Sticks
Staples
Plastic/Flexible Folders
Masking Tape
Tissues

A cartoon-style illustration of a basketball hoop and backboard. The backboard is white with a red border and a red keyhole. A basketball is shown in mid-air, about to enter the hoop. The hoop is silver with a red rim. The background is blue with some white lines suggesting motion or a court floor.

The middle school and high school basketball camp is June 26th-28th from 2-4pm in the St. Xavier School Gym. It is free and open to all St. Xavier students that will be enrolled in 6th- 12th grades this year.



 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.



A group of children and adults are playing basketball in a gymnasium. In the foreground, a boy in a black jersey is dribbling the ball while others watch or play. The gym has a wooden floor and a basketball hoop in the background.

Coach Cameron and the HS boys basketball team hosted a youth basketball camp to teach skills to area athletes.



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