

# 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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*The Transfiguration of the Lord  
06 Aug 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)

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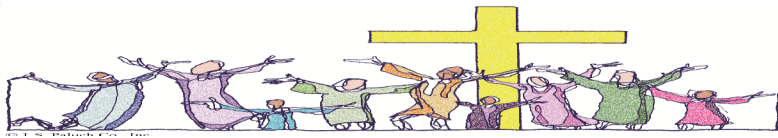
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# Welcome to our Parish

"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, 06 Aug 2023</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Cheryl Slattery † Jerry and Celina Vincent Pro populo	
<b>Monday, 07 Aug 2023</b>		No Mass		Living Water Ministry mtg, 6:00 pm, OLPH Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
<b>Tuesday 08 Aug 2023</b>	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN	Adoration following Mass until 8:00 am Theology on Tap mtg, 7:00 pm, KofC hall
<b>Wednesday 09 Aug 2023</b>	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass	All Souls in Purgatory † Jerry and Celina Vincent	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH Catechist Formation, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
<b>Thursday 10 Aug 2023</b>	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Nick Nenow	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 6:00 pm <b>Parish Holy Hour</b> , 6-7 pm, Church Adoration mtg, 7:00 pm, Church
<b>Friday 11 Aug 2023</b>	8:30 am	Holy Mass	Colleen Henney	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm
<b>Saturday 12 Aug 2023</b>	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† George and Wanda Waner	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm

Please say a prayer of thanks and success for our 2023 St. Xavier School teachers and staff as they begin the new school year on Wednesday for the new staff and Thursday for all staff. God bless you all!

*Lord God,  
Your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon our teachers.  
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor  
always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow  
Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life,  
forever and ever. Amen.*



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
12-13 AUG 2023	SATURDAY, 12 AUG 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 13 AUG 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 13 AUG 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 13 AUG 2023 11:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Ryan Rosauer	Pat Beavers	Bryan Schoenhofer	Janet Hahn
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Susan Kamphaus Sandy Leistner Diane Ussery	Cindy Lamberty Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh	Jeanie Wolford Amber Davis Eric Page	Deb Breidenstein Randy Testa Pat Gannaway
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Sr. DJ Rak	Liebau Family	Engstrom Family	Ana Davis Family
<b>Altar Servers with server assignments</b>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> Declan Boehm - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lucas Liebau - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lyla Liebau - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grayson Bechard - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Levi Engstrom - 1 <sup>st</sup> Henry Engstrom - 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Engstrom - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kassidy Jahnke - 1 <sup>st</sup> Noah Cruz - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ava Cruz - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Musician and Cantor</b>	Katie Wiley Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Heather Augustine Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine
<b>Ushers</b>	Buz Bruzina Josh Boehm Jodean and Teddy Tieyah	Richard Striggow Josh Pittman Ellen Westerhaus Brandon Bechard	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Karen Eddy Connie Backhus	Paul Rosell Mary Ann Vieyra Ray Felix Josh Lichtensteiger
<b>Money Counters</b>	Margie Langas, Diane Ussery, Shirley Allen			



# STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

## Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 22-23 Jul weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	1,250.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	7,578.59
Children's Tithing	\$	8.00
Growth and Development	\$	165.00
Memorial Donations	\$	25.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,026.59</b>

\*\*\*\*\* Totals will be updated next week\*\*\*\*\*

Amount needed to meet our Jul 2023 Parish operations budget \$ 61,667.00 \*  
 Jul Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$ 46,330.88**  
 Balance needed to meet our Jul needs: **\$ 15,337.12**

July 2023 G&D collected to date .....\$4,808.06

\*- 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  
 Benjamin Grelk Bruce Piava  
 Elizabeth Clark Randy Testa

Lindy Grant-Rubash  
 Cooper Holloway Julie Taylor  
 Jude Fairchild Manny Pasquil  
 Kelly Fielder Ryleigh Joos  
 Judy Rosa John Cooner  
 Elizabeth Bunce Mary Bolette

Ralph Schmedemann  
 Peggy Wawrzyniak  
 Shirley Oaks  
 Pat Nicholson  
 Marty Perta

All parishioners who participate in weekly Adoration are requested to attend the meeting for Adoration following our Parish Holy Hour on Thursday, 10 Aug at 7:00 pm. Any substitutes for Adoration Holy Hours, please plan to attend as well.

**Adoration**  
 of the  
**Blessed Sacrament**



Theology on Tap will meet on August 8th at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall! Theology on Tap is open to all young adults (18-39). 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.

It's coming....Let's get ready....13 Nov 2023 begins the Advanced Giving time and 28 Nov 2023 is the Giving Tuesday for IGC.



#iGIVECATHOLIC

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Kerry Ninemire

### SALVATION?

Viktor Frankl was a Holocaust survivor who afterwards wrote a famous book entitled, Man's Search for Meaning. Its basic theme was: if you know why you are alive, you can put up with any how! He was once nominated for the Nobel prize for peace.

In time, he moved to America. In one of his comments, he said it is sometimes unfortunate that Americans so emphasize the "pursuit of happiness." He thought this pursuit led too many of us down a false path that could only end in unhappiness and desperation. He rather believed that happiness was a by-product of a goal accomplished. Once we reach a goal, we were pleased with ourselves and happiness flowed into us

That led me to thinking that in many ways salvation is much the same. These days, I don't find myself worrying much about being saved. This may be shocking, but I now find that kind of selfish. I don't see Jesus emphasizing that in the Gospels. Rather, he challenges us to be loving, in a word. "Love God with everything you are and love your neighbor as yourself." Salvation comes about as a by-product of being loving. The role of the Liturgy, especially the Mass, is to empower us to become better lovers of God and our neighbor. As I am sure we all know, loving too often is not easy.

He loves us so much he wants to be with us forever and wants us to be with him. Ironically, that happens when we forget ourselves and are willing to risk it all to do our best to make sure all others know that truth.

May God continue to bless all of us.

Father Kerry

### Coffee and Donuts Fellowship

Please join your Parish Family for fellowship following all Mass times this weekend in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room in Building B! Free will donations are accepted.



## Encounter Christ!

### High School Students--

You are invited to join with other high school students from all over our Diocese for a night of fellowship, friendship, prayer, Adoration, praise and worship of Christ

### RENEW EXISTING FRIENDSHIP AND MAKE SOME NEW ONES TOO!

- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Message
- Adoration
- Confession
- Games

Aug. 11th 8-10pm -After Running Revs  
 Thomas More Prep-Marian Chapel--  
 Hays Kansas-Check out our website  
 for more details  
[www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org)



Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them.  
 --St Peter of Alcantara



### 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:

06 Aug - Bill and Carolyn Cook  
 13 Aug - Ana Davis  
 20 Aug - Noraida Chique  
 27 Aug - Janet Hahn





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please visit [www.saintxparish.org](http://www.saintxparish.org) to register your children for classes. The link for registration is available under Religious Education on the Faith Formation tab. Please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours to register in person or to get help registering online.

8/9 - Catechist Formation

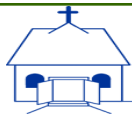
8/16 - Parent Meeting for those seeking Sacraments First Communion and Confirmation in Building A Cafeteria

8/23 - Classes begin

We are still seeking Catechists to teach Preschool, Kindergarten, substitute teachers and Hall Monitors. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Catechist please contact Amber at the Parish Office.

The Religious Education Program would appreciate your help in purchasing the following supplies for the upcoming school year. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office Monday through Friday between 9AM and 3PM. Thank you for your generosity!

No. 2 pencils	Kleenex	Scissors
Reams of white copy paper		Dry Erase Markers
Markers	Clorox wipes	Pens
Crayons	Scotch tape	Post-It Notes
Colored Pencils		



## Welcome to Our Parish

Saint Xavier Parishioner would like to welcome new parishioners to our Parish family. We are pleased to welcome the following family:

*Kevin and Valerie Pults and their son, Kevin Jr.*

Please take a minute to say a prayer of thanksgiving for God sending this family to celebrate with us.

*Wherever you came from, wherever you are going...you are welcome here with us!*

The parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier welcome our newest members to our Parish family. Edewa Elora Adoki was Baptized on 30 Jul 2023. Edewa is the daughter of proud parents, Gnindou and Tchilalo Adoki. Her loving Godparent is Ndo Hemou.

Ariana Athena Orsini was Baptized on 30 Jul 2023. Ariana is the daughter of proud parents Javier and Andrea Orsini, Jr. Her loving godparents are Claudia Pizarro Nolasco and Michael Dardiz.

Saint Xavier parishioners congratulate these children and their families and will keep their spiritual growth in their prayers.



August is a great month for a random act of kindness!  
Let's see what happens!

Taste and see that the LORD is good.

Psalm 34:8



St. Francis Xavier parishioners mourn the loss of George and Mary Hibberd. George passed away on 25 Jul and Mary passed away on 26 Jul 2023. Their Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, 03 Aug 2023. Internment followed the Funeral Mass at Kansas Veterans' Cemetery.

*Eternal rest grant unto George and Mary, O Lord.  
And let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

At the Angelus on Sunday, July 16, Pope Francis reflected on the parable of the sower and encouraged parents not to give in to "fashions" of the world and to continue to sow goodness and faith in their children.



From the window of the Vatican Apostolic Palace, the Holy Father explained that "if the word is the seed, we are the soil: We can receive it or not. But Jesus, the 'good sower,' does not tire of sowing it generously," he said. "He knows our terrain, he knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices can suffocate the word, yet he hopes, he always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit," the pontiff noted.

In this sense, he remarked, the faithful are also called to "sow tirelessly," and he gave three examples of how to do this, addressing parents, young people, and "the sowers" of the Gospel, such as priests and religious.

First, he stressed that parents "sow goodness and faith in their children, and they are called to do so without being discouraged even if at times they seem not to understand or to appreciate their teachings, or if the mentality of the world is against them."

"The good seed remains," he continued. "This is what counts, and it will take root in due time. But if, giving in to mistrust, they give up sowing and leave their children at the mercy of fashions and mobile phones, without dedicating time to them, without educating them, then the fertile soil will be filled with weeds. Parents, never tire to sow in your children!"

He then addressed young people and explained that they "can sow the Gospel in the furrows of everyday life," as in prayer, "a small seed that you cannot see, but with which you entrust everything you live to Jesus, and so he can make it ripen."

Finally, he spoke of the "sowers of the Gospel" — priests, religious, and laypeople who are "engaged in proclamation" — "Let us never forget, when we proclaim the word, that even where it seems that nothing is happening, in reality the Holy Spirit is at work, and the kingdom of God is already growing, through and beyond our efforts," he said.

"In the light of all this, we can ask ourselves: Do I sow goodness? Do I only care about reaping for myself, or do I also sow for others? Do I sow some seeds of the Gospel in everyday life: study, work, free time? Do I get discouraged or, like Jesus, do I continue to sow, even if I do not see immediate results?" the Holy Father asked.

Finally, he prayed that "Mary, whom we venerate today as the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, help us to be generous and joyful sowers of the good news."



If you would like to become a member of the Catholic church or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Amber at the Parish Office.



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