

# 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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## 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 times for this week.*

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** 6:00 pm Tues until 1:00 am 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 - 5:00 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)  
Sign up for bulletins sent directly to your email weekly at [www.saintxparish.org](http://www.saintxparish.org) on the home page.

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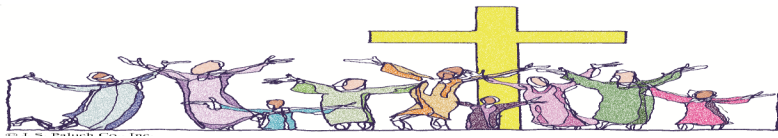
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# Welcome to our Parish

"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
<b>Sunday,</b> <b>20 Aug 2023</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo † Donald Ross, Jr. † Charles Caspar, Jr.	
<b>Monday,</b> <b>21 Aug 2023</b>		No Mass		Christian Science Family Life mtg, 6:30 pm. OLPH Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>22 Aug 2023</b>	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Sybil Pauline Merkel	Adoration following Mass until 8:00 am Theology on Tap, 7:00 pm, Knights of Columbus Hall
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>23 Aug 2023</b>	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Larry and Connie Gallagher	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH Building Committee mtg, Noon, PMR RelEd Class, 6:30 pm, Families meet in Church
<b>Thursday</b> <b>24 Aug 2023</b>	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm School Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
<b>Friday</b> <b>25 Aug 2023</b>	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Jackie Langvardt	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</b> <b>26 Aug 2023</b>	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	St. Xavier Parish families	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



**DIOCESE of  
GALLUP**

Rev. Cornelius Okere from the Diocese of Gallup, Gallup, NM will be speaking at our masses on August 26-27, 2023 providing ways that we might help further the mission works in the Diocese. The Diocese of Gallup covers over 55,000 square miles of Northeastern Arizona and Northwestern New Mexico which encompasses seven Native American reservations and pueblos. It serves 107,653 Catholics and this makes it one of our Nation's largest and poorest

Diocese. The Diocese is facing challenges now with a third of the community, Native Americans, impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic that has caused the highest infection, death and hospitalization rates in the nation." Please keep the Diocese of Gallup in your prayers! Envelopes for your donations will be provided in the pews next week.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

26-27 AUG 2023	SATURDAY, 26 AUG 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 27 AUG 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 27 AUG 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 27 AUG 2023 11:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Triplett	Allen Dinkel	Kristina Coffman	Nanette Lamb
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Mike Rhodes Susan Kamphaus Diane Ussery	Jane Handlos Joe Handlos Tom Hollis	Eric Page Amber Davis Brenda Dacus	Deb Breidenstein Margie Langas Mario Langas
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ana Davis Family	Joshua Pittman Family	Veniegas Family	Moreland Family
<b>Altar Servers with server assignments</b>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> Declan Boehm - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jaden Striggow - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grayson Bechard - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kim Davis - 1 <sup>st</sup> Ryan Davis - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dana Davis - 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	Anita Hernandez Choir	Katie Wiley
<b>Ushers</b>	Buz Bruzina Teddy and Jodean Tieyah Shar Boland	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Cindy Lamberty	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Connie Backhus Jeanie Wolford	Paul Rosell John Hagerty Sam Niemczyk Ray Felix
<b>Money Counters</b>	Margie Langas, Diane Ussery, Shirley Allen			



# STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

## Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 12-13 Aug weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$	270.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$	10,503.00
Children's Tithing	\$	2.00
Growth and Development	\$	296.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	140.00
Seminarian Collection	\$	1,480.00
Memorial Donations	\$	0.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,691.00</b>

Amount needed to meet our Aug 2023 Parish operations budget (new amount for 23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 \*  
Aug Tithing and Offering collections to date: **\$30,023.27**  
Balance needed to meet our Aug needs: **\$57,609.23**

Aug 2023 G&D collected to date ....\$3,423.35

\* - 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..*



The first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was held in September 2013 on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the solemn burial of the earthly remains of some 1,500 abortion victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 100 memorial services were held across the United States. On September 10, 2022 there were 224 locations.

The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is normally held on the second Saturday of September. This year it is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Across our country services are taking place at the gravesites of tens of thousands of aborted children whose remains have been retrieved and respectfully buried.

This day gives us the opportunity to remember and mourn these children and the millions of children killed by abortion. This day also offers hope and healing to women who have had abortions and people who have been hurt by abortion such as fathers and grandparents.

Although there is no memorial for the aborted children in our community, we do have the memorial to the unborn in front of our parish. By participating in the National Day of Remembrance, visiting these solemn memorial places at other times of the year, and spreading the word about this prayer campaign, you are helping to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and deepening your own commitment to ending the injustice of abortion. Please join Living Water Ministry and Respect Life Ministry on Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. here at the memorial for the unborn to pray the rosary.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Kerry Ninemire

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Is a practice that has really grown in the past 20 or so years in the Catholic Church. Basically, this is choosing to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

During the time of adoration or prayer, the Holy Eucharist (the Blessed Sacrament) is shown forth or exposed through a special vessel that allows one to view the Sacred Host. Normally a person chooses to spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament remembering the time Jesus asked Peter, James and John to spend one hour in prayer with him in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he died.

In our parish, we have several times each week when the church is open for this holy practice. They are Tuesday evening after 5:30 p.m. Mass until 1:00 a.m., Thursday after 800 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. and Friday after 8:30 Mass until 2:00 p.m. In addition the church is open each first Saturday from 8:30 to noon.

Many people in the parish have signed up for one hour. Presently most of our slots are filled except for 9:00 a.m. Thursday and Friday morning. However, one does not need to sign up for an hour. It is very okay if you stop by to pray (using the south side door) and someone else is already in church. Interestingly, many people find it helpful to make a commitment.

Finally, it is just a great opportunity to slow down and to grow in love with our Lord. Remembering that Jesus would often spend a night in prayer, there is probably no better classroom than the "classroom of silence" (Matthew Kelly).

May God continue to bless all of us.

Father Kerry

### Can you use some free mulch?

At our back entrance to the campus on Jefferson Street there are piles of mulch from the work that was done for the playground equipment. Slightly used...but still has a useful life.



Bring your wheelbarrows, bags or boxes to take some home for your own use. First come, first served and no limit on how much. It will be available until the end of the month.



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

Deb Chaudary	Marissa Graham
Sandy Dietrich	Steve Matthews
Benjamin Grelk	Bruce Piava
Elizabeth Clark	Rachel Moore

Lindy Grant-Rubash	Elizabeth Bunce	Ralph Schmedemann
Cooper Holloway	Julie Taylor	Peggy Wawrzyniak
Jude Fairchild	Manny Pasquil	Shirley Oaks
Ryleigh Joos	Pat Nicholson	Mary Bolette
Judy Rosa	John Cooner	Marty Perta



Theology on Tap meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm 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. We look forward to having you join us!

Next meeting is on 22 Aug at 7:00 pm...we will save you a seat!

*How can I help my parish family...let me count ~~this~~ ways!*



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## 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:

**Daniel and Rebecca Gomez and their three children, Elena, Elisa and Lincoln**

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!*

### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Amber Davis at (785)238-2998, [amber@saintxavier.org](mailto:amber@saintxavier.org) or stop by the parish office.

Sessions start on Sunday, August 20, in Building C, Room 239 at 1:00 pm.



### MORNING SCHOOL PRAYER

Lord, Bless all students as they study in school. Give them wisdom, focus, and understanding as they learn. Help them to remember that you are always with them. Guiding and supporting them every step of the way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes begin August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm and families are asked to meet in the Church that evening. 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.

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. Without volunteers our program would not be possible.



### Healing Retreat for Survivors of Abuse

The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring a Healing Retreat for Survivors of Abuse. It will be held at the Manna House of Prayer in Concordia. The retreat will start on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. and conclude on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at noon. Catherine DiNuzzo will be the retreat master, and Kathy Damman (Diocese of Lansing) will be the keynote speaker. Joining them will be Bishop Vincke and Father Michael Leiker. The cost of the event will be \$25 (scholarships are available). For more information and to register (before September 1, 2023) email [wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org](mailto:wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org) or call 785-827-8746 #124.



Leave a Legacy

Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry or the diocese? It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and helps pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for more information – [development@salinadiocese.org](mailto:development@salinadiocese.org).

### Big News!

This week we registered for the iGiveCatholic annual passion to give back for the many blessings we receive. Advanced Giving period begins 13 Nov 2023 and the iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday, 28 Nov 2023.

Watch our facebook and our bulletins for more events about giving back for your many blessings!



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All high schoolers are welcome to join our S.P.A.R.K. youth group. If you have any questions please email [engstromstx@gmail.com](mailto:engstromstx@gmail.com)

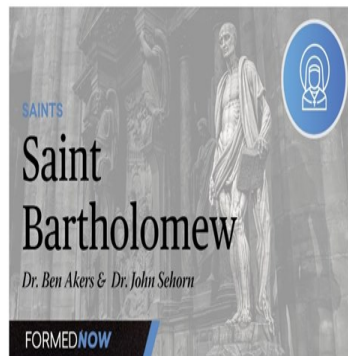
### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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:

20 Aug - Noraida Chique

27 Aug - Janet Hahn



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### Saint Bartholomew

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.

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