

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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
08 Oct 2023



**"The very stone which
the builders rejected
has become the
cornerstone."**

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
Sign up for bulletins sent directly to your email weekly at www.saintxparish.org on the home page.

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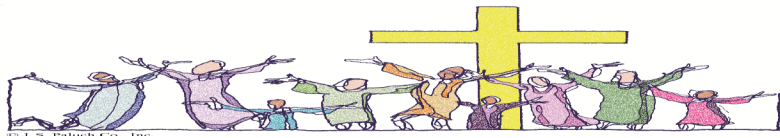
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Welcome to our Parish

"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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Sunday, 08 Oct 2023 | 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | † Jackie Langvardt Pro populo L/D members of the Eckenrode and Hahn families | OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 |
| Monday, 09 Oct 2023 | | No Mass | | Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 |
| Tuesday 10 Oct 2023 | 5:30 pm | Holy Mass | † Pat McConnell | Adoration, 6:00 pm until 1:00 am CALLED mtg, 7:00 pm, KofC Hall |
| Wednesday 11 Oct 2023 | 10:00 am 5:30 pm | Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass | † Cheryl Slattery Father Gnanasekar Kulandai | Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH Made for More, 7:00 pm, School Gym |
| Thursday 12 Oct 2023 | 8:00 am | Holy Mass | † Pete Charowhas | Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm Parish Holy Hour , 6:00 pm Circle IV mtg, 7:10 pm, OLPH |
| Friday 13 Oct 2023 | 8:30 am | Holy Mass | † All souls in Purgatory | Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm |
| Saturday 14 Oct 2023 | 11:15 am 5:15 pm | Rosary Rally Mass Sunday Vigil Mass | † Reinders Family | Rosary Rally following Mass, Heritage Park Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm |

Saint Francis Borgia

On Tuesday, 10 Oct, we celebrate the feast day for St. Francis Borgia. Francis was a young nobleman at the court of the King of Spain and became a Duke at 33. He lived a happy, peaceful life with his wife Eleanor and their eight children. He was a perfect Christian gentleman, a true man of God and his great joy was to receive Holy Communion often. This happy life ended with the death of his beloved wife. Francis gave up his Dukedom and became a Jesuit priest. It was not long before the humble priest accomplished wonderful works for God's glory as he preached everywhere and advised many important people. He spread the *Society of Jesus* all over Spain and Portugal. When he was made Superior General of the Jesuits, he sent missionaries all over the world. Under his guidance, the Jesuits grew to be a very great help to the Church in many lands.

Sometimes the Lord reveals his will for us in stages. Many people hear a call in later life to serve in a different capacity. We never know what the Lord has in store for us!



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

| 14-15 OCT 2023 | SATURDAY, 14 OCT 2023 5:15 PM | SUNDAY, 15 OCT 2023 8:00 AM | SUNDAY, 15 OCT 2023 9:30 AM | SUNDAY, 15 OCT 2023 11:00 AM |
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| Lector | Susan Kamphaus | Joe Handlos | Eric Page | John Lamb |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Mike Rhodes Sandy Leistner Jodean Tieyah | Tom Hollis Cathy Striggow AJ Simon | Frank Catalo Jane Bauman Brenda Dacus | Mario Langas Margie Langas Patrick Gannaway |
| Gift Bearers | Ushers | Hausauer Family | Coffman Family | DeLaCruz Family |
| Altar Servers with server assignments | Hannah Nguyen - 1 st - 2 nd | Lyla Liebau - 1 st John Hausauer - 2 nd Lucas Liebau - 3 rd | Kim Davis - 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd | Janis Curit - 1 st Noah Cruz - 2 nd Ava Cruz - 3 rd |
| Musician and Cantor | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Ushers | Buz Bruzina Shar Boland Teddy Tieyah George Heard | Richard Striggow Joshua Pittman Brandon Bechard Cindy Lamberty | Don Haffner Bob Catalo Larry Kramer Charlene Ross | John Hagerty Humberto Cruz Correa Inga Klusa-Curit Paul Rosell |
| Money Counters | Shar Boland, Murleen Jones and Ana Davis | | | |

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Due to the early bulletin submissions, the tithing totals will be updated in Oct. Please notice that as of the 17 Sep collections, we are still in need of \$50,166.27 to meet our operating expenses for the month of September.

Let's make a good start for the month of October!

Amount needed to meet our Sep 2023 Parish operating budget
(new amount for 23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 *
Sep Tithing and Offering collections to date **\$37,466.23**
Balance needed to meet our Sep needs: **\$50,166.27**

Sep 2023 G&D collected to date\$4,386.35

* - 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.



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

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

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| 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 |
| Diane Ussery | James DeCarlo | |

CALLED is a group for Young Adults (over the age of 18) to gather for faith formation, to serve our community and in fellowship. God calls us all to worship, so join us on October 10th at 7 pm in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room for a shot meeting followed by Adoration.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 10 - Adoration
Oct 24th - Join us as we dive into Isaiah

Homebound Ministry



Please contact the Parish Office if you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to have Holy Communion brought to their home.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Kerry Ninemire

OCTOBER: A very beautiful time of year. October marks the fall time of year, the time when leaves are so beautiful. To me, it also seems to be a time that our Flint Hills grass can take on a sort of red hue. It is a time of change, maybe a time of transformation? There is a difference between change and transformation. Change happens when something old dies and something new begins. As most of us know too well, change is troublesome at best and scary too often. But change can be a time our soul is transformed.

Transformation can be time of change of the soul when change happens but too often an exception. It is all so difficult and requires so much death before life happens. Most of the book of the prophet Isaiah (the most quoted Old Testament book at Mass) was written in exile; St. Francis of Assisi emerged with a new way of thinking when the first clocks turned time into money; and so much of the blood shed in El Salvador happened in the 1980s as the ones in power were grabbing onto the last gasp of colonial and economic oppression.

At Mass, we do not speak of the elements changing so much as they are being transformed into the body and blood of our Lord. We know this did not happen easily. In the same way, I ask you to note that in each of the Eucharistic Prayers, there is a prayer right after the Consecration that asks the Holy Spirit to transform us into one body. If we are really honest, this calls for a dying to my self, my ego and egos do not die easily. This is why we need to come and make this earnest prayer weekly, if not daily. And yet then a wonderful transformation can happen: we are transformed into Christ.

And brings me back to the beauty of the fall. We trust it is all part of God's plan.

May God bless us all.
Father Kerry



ROSARY RALLY

The Tuesday night Rosary Group and Living Water Ministry (St. Xavier Parish, Junction City) invite you to join the community on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at noon at Heritage Park, Junction City. The event will begin with Mass at St. Xavier Church at 11:15

a.m. Following Mass we will then process to Heritage Park at 6th & Washington, for the Rosary Rally.

This is an event that will be taking place at noon all over the United States. At the first apparition at Fatima, Our Lady asked that we pray the rosary every day to obtain peace in the world. **OUR SOLDIERS AND OUR WORLD NEED OUR PRAYERS.**

Please join us, spread the word about this event, bring a friend and a soldier. Bring a chair, a blanket, a kneeling pad. And don't forget your rosary. Bring rain gear in case God wants to bless us with heavenly showers. You may bring flowers for Our Lady. POC is Colleen Henney, 238-2618.



Ladies of our Parish! Please make plans to attend the October meeting of Circle IV. The meeting will be on Thursday, 12 October at 7:10 pm in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room.

Guest Speaker is our very own Father Kerry Ninemire!
All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10/11 - Class/Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation
10/18 - No Class - Catechists Formation
10/25 - Class/Parent Meeting First Reconciliation
11/01 - Class - All Saints Day Mass



First Reconciliation**Sacramental Preparation**

There will be meetings for parents of those seeking First Reconciliation on Wednesday, October 11th and October 25th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall.

Men of the Parish....we all need your help!

It is time to start thinking ahead so that when the snow comes we are prepared. We are asking men of the parish to help with shoveling the sidewalks around the church and school when more than 1 inch of snow comes. The main parking lot areas are contracted out.

We would like to build teams and folks will be assigned for one month and then be done for the season. Please consider! When a few show up it goes much faster! We do have two snow blowers and will use those as much as possible. Kansas forecast is only three snowy days in Jan and five in Feb.

Please contact the Parish Office if you can help...phone lines are open!

GREAT STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Xavier's Parish has a Foundation, established in 1997 for the purpose of investing assets to provide supplemental financial support for Saint Xavier's school and parish.

Since January 2015, the Foundation has donated over \$531,000 to St. Xavier's school and parish. That amount includes \$227,732 to the school for improvements, new equipment and technological updates; \$207,112 in interest and principal payments to pay off the parish debt to the Diocese in 2021; \$81,557 for other parish needs; and \$15,250 for scholarships to graduating seniors of St. Xavier's High School. These totals include \$55,000 which was donated in matching funds for previous iGiveCatholic campaigns. We have committed \$20,000 for matching funds for the 2023 iGive Catholic campaign.

In 2020, the Foundation established a separate Director's Fund to be used as an endowment fund for the school. Each year, 5.5% of that fund's assets are donated to the school, with a plan to eventually generate enough earnings within the fund to be able to provide a substantial annual amount for the school budget, in order to reduce the parish's subsidy to the school.

For the second year, the St. Xavier's Foundation is participating in the Greater Geary Community Foundation's Match Day on October 17 and donations can be made at that event. We also appreciate donations at any time throughout the year, which can be sent through the Parish Office, ATTN: St. Xavier's Foundation, or given to any Board member. Contributions can be designated for the general fund or for the Director's Fund. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible according to law. Current Board members are Larry Schmidt, president; Ricardo Vieyra, vice-president; Kathy Triplett, treasurer; Randy Testa, secretary; Lee Breidenstein, and Kay Gatza.

**Friendly Reminders!**

Please pay attention while in the campus parking area. Our kids are back in school and our evenings and weekends are jam packed with events. Wednesday nights are particularly hazardous for our children coming and leaving Religious Education.

Our campus is a one way drive entered **only** from 2nd Street. Entering the parking lot from Washington Street is prohibited. There are two directions to exit onto Washington Street. One going north and one going south. Especially after weekend Masses, please be attentive to sharing the exit so that all can get to their next destination. Do not attempt to exit our parking lot directly onto 2nd Street but follow the one-way path out to Washington Street.

There have been folks abusing the handicap parking spots close to the south door of the church. At all times these parking spaces are reserved for only those with properly tagged vehicles for handicap needs. If you maybe have a temporary minor infraction where the space would assist you being close to the door, contact the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made to help you. Only those with properly tagged vehicles should be parking in handicap spaces, no matter what time of day or how crowded you perceive the parking lot to be. Please be considerate of parishioners in need.

**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:

08 Oct - Colleen Henney

15 Oct - Debbie Gose

22 Oct - Susan and Ray Kamphaus

29 Oct - Janet Hahn

**CIRCLE I**

Circle I will meet at the Rosary in the Park on 14 Oct 2023. Ladies will enjoy a lunch at BJ BBQ in Junction City following the Rosary.

If you or someone you know who was never baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition and want to become members of the Church, please contact Amber at the Parish Office for more information.

Classes are on Sundays in Building C, Room 239 at 1pm.



It's Trick or Treat Time and tricking potential victims into promising them something they may never be able to get on their own is a given for traffickers, a way they make their money. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501(c)(3) organization

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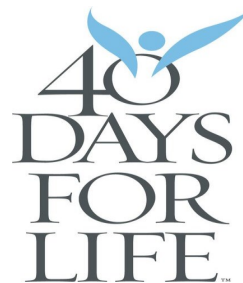


40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Action and Prayer:
23,525 lives have been saved since 2007.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility.

If you do not have an abortion facility or Planned Parenthood office in your town, you can still conduct 40 Days for Life; however, you will need to select a different location which has some strategic significance - perhaps near city hall, a courthouse, or a highly visible intersection.

Abby Johnson, who wrote "unPlanned" and who was the subject of the movie of the same name, was a former Planned Parenthood leader in Texas and the 40 Days for Life office was next door. She was always aware of those who stood at the fence to pray as she would arrive for work. To say the least, Abby knows these prayer vigils work! This 40 Days for Life campaign began on September 27th and runs through November 5th. Visit 40daysforlife.com for more information. You can also order the 40 Days for Life Prayer Guide.



Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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Geary Community Match Day is on Tuesday, October 17th, from 7:00 am-5:30 pm in the Junction City Municipal Building Auditorium located at 700 N. Jefferson Street. This is an opportunity for St. Xavier School to receive 50% in matching funds on donations. Ways to give are in person, online, or by mail. Please see the table in the gathering area of the church for more details and to get a donation form. This event is an amazing opportunity for our Geary County Match Day page at <https://www.gearymatchday.com>. [School-Fund](#). If you have any questions, please contact me at 78pal@saintxrams.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Shawn Augustine



Stay up to date with the latest school news by viewing the October newsletter on the St. Xavier school

webpage at saintxrams.org. Printed copies are also available in the gathering area of the church.

6:00-8:00

Presale ends October 20

\$0.50 PER TICKET

50 TICKETS FOR \$25, GET
10 FREE TICKETS

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HOUSE**

Trash Bag Pick Up

Thanks to all of those that supported the school trash bag fundraiser this year. Trash bag orders made at the school office will be available for pick up beginning October 19th. Please call ahead and we will have your order ready. Office hours are from 7:50am-Friday. Office number: 238-2841. Forget to be the deadline? No problem! We have extra top by to get yours today.



The Bishop Carroll HS football team from Wichita was recently in town to play JCHS. Students and staff welcomed them to the St. Xavier School cafeteria where they held their pregame meal.



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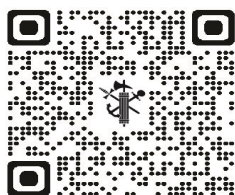
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