# 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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200 N. Washington St., Junction City KS 66441 School Office: 785-238-2841 www.saintxrams.org



### **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 - 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.

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

### **Pastor**

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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	LITUR <del>G</del> Y TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS		
Sunday 03 Dec 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Slattery Family † Lac Vu	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239  St. Francis Day Celebration, 12:30, Kof C Hall OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239  Midnight Mass Choir Practice, 1:00 pm		
Monday 04 Dec 2023		No Mass		Parish Council mtg, 5:45 pm, PMR Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239		
Tuesday 05 Dec 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Jon Fiffe and †Charles and Isabelle Fiffe	Adoration, following Mass until 1:00 am Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:00 pm, KofC Hall		
Wednesday 06 Dec 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Jae Soo Lec	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH Rel Ed class and Advent Penance Service, 6:30 pm		
	8:00 am 5:15 pm		† Raymond Bennett † Francis Begnoche	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 4:00 pm		
Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Patronal Feastday of the United States of America						
Friday 08 Dec 2023	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Holy Mass	† Paul Lee and Anne Kwon † Paul V. Hibberd	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH		
Saturday 09 Dec 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Anna Hue Pham	Living Water Ministry; 10:00 am, OLPH Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm		

### ST. XAVIER COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Sunday, 10 Dec 2023 at 3:00 pm

Several priests will be available. Please join our St. Xavier family in this Advent Penance service.



FROM THE

PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Kerry Ninemire

### A NEW YEAR, A DIFFERENT GOSPEL:

The readings from Scripture that we hear proclaimed each Sunday are divided into a three-year cycle. The idea is that if you come to Mass each weekend over this time one will hear almost all of the Bible in this three-year time frame. How does one keep track? If the year is divisible by three (e.g. 2022), then one begins year A in December or the First Sunday of Advent that year.

We have just finished Year A and in it the focus was on the Gospel of Matthew. In 2023-2024, Year B, we will listen to the Gospel of St Mark for the most part. His

Gospel is short and so it will be supplemented by the Gospel of John in the middle. We will hear form chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel which focuses on Jesus as the Bread of Life. This is especially appropriate this coming year as our universal church is focusing on our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

St Mark's Gospel was written to a community suffering persecution. His emphasis is Jesus remaining steadfast in the face of opposition. His passion narrative is longer than the other evangelist's version while the actual Gospel is much shorter, sometimes called an introduction to the Passion. As we hear his Gospel, let us pray for the grace of endurance, steadfastness and hope in the midst of our own sufferings.

Blessings to all! Father Kerry



Giving	Dollars
Online Giving	250.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	4,392.71
Children's Tithing	24.65
Growth/Development	0.00
Gifts and Memorials	0.00
Total for 25/26 Nov	\$4,667.36

If ever you miss Mass due to weather or out of town, please feel comfortable to include the absent week's tithing in the collections the following week.

Amount needed to meet our Nov 2023 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 \* Nov Tithing/Offering collections to date \$42,243.67 Balance needed to meet our Nov needs: \$45,388.83

Nov 2023 G&D collected to date .....\$4,581.04

\* - This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations.

Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support..





Baptized into our Catholic faith Sunday, 19 Nov 2023 was Liberty Rae Luke. She is the daughter of proud parents, Sean and Casey Luke. Her loving Godparents are Julius and Justine Hall.

God bless our little one always!

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

> **Deb Chaudary** Marissa Graham Sandy Dietrich

Steve Matthews Benjamin Grelk Lindy Grant-Rubash Ralph Schmedemann Peggy Wawrzyniak Manny Pasquil Ryleigh Joos Chris Robison John Majerus

ord.

Jami Ann Bird Elizabeth Clark Elizabeth Bunce Cooper Holloway Jude Fairchild **Shirley Oaks** James DeCarlo Andrew Simon Pat Weber

Bruce Piava Rachel Moore Mary Bolette Julie Taylor Judy Rosa Marty Perta John Cooner Karen Morris

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have

been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ I his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Xavier Parish mourns the passing of Charles David "Chuck" Kiser on 12 Nov 2023. Chuck's funeral mass was celebrated on 17 Nov with burial at St. Mary Cemetery.

May eternal rest be granted to Chuck, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

The end of the 2023 year is fast approaching and we are looking for your help with the tithing counting each week. Tithing is



counted every Monday morning at 9:00 am in Bldg C. If Monday's just won't work for you and would rather do a Sunday, please let me know. We need three parishioners to assist with this task. Counting is always held on a different day if the planned day falls on a holiday.

If you are interested in volunteering with the counting of our tithing donations, please give Carol Tomson a call at 785-238-2841, ext.203. We can look at the 2024 calendar and see what will work for you.

### SAINT FRANCES XAVIER DAY CELEBRATION

Please come out and celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Francis Xavier. The celebration will be this Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass at the Knights of Columbus Hall (126 W. 7th Street) starting at 12:00. Lunch will be provided by our Knights of Columbus and the Circles. Come out and join the fellowship with your parish family as we enter the season of the Holy Family.

"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken. ~St Francis Xavier





Way to go, Saint Francis Xavier parishioners! Your big and generous hearts exemplified the meaning of the #iGiveCatholic campaign...to *give back* for our many blessings! This year we were able to raise for our Parish \$40,351.36 and for our St. Francis Xavier School, \$29,630.36. Thank you to all who contributed!

Thank you to our St. Francis Xavier school children for participating in the IGC Challenge. 2nd and 3rd grade will be enjoying a Pizza Party to celebrate their winning the challenge and collected the most donations toward #iGiveCatholic. All our school children collected a total of \$372.63. All our school children were thanked with a Holy Card of St. Francis Xavier and candy. Everyone was a winner!

Check your tickets for the IGC Quilt Raffle! As of this publishing, the winner has not come forward to claim the Nativity Quilt. **Winning ticket number is 833262.** Thank you to all who joined the raffle fun and purchased tickets in support of #iGiveCatholic. A total of \$1,155 was donated toward the #iGiveCatholic campaign this year!

St. Xavier Parish and School want to specifically thank our matches. The parish was able to complete the St. Xavier Foundation match of \$10,000. Our St. Xavier School completed their two matches as well. The St. Xavier Foundation match was for \$10,000 and the 24/7 Travel Stop match was for \$5,000. Thank you for the matches and the added incentive to us all in our 2023 IGC campaign!

St. Xavier Parish was also the winner of a Salina Diocese drawing for our registration to participate in the #iGiveCatholic campaign. We will receive a \$500 donation from the Diocese. We are also entered in another Salina Diocese drawing for \$500. This drawing will be based on our meeting specific challenge criteria for the #iGiveCatholic campaign such as the emails, advertising and any other creative ways we got the word out and supported the campaign.

Father Kerry and entire parish and school are thankful for your support. Each gift made plays a critical role in allowing us to serve the faithful in our community and build the body of Christ. God bless you all!



LEADING WITH THE CATHOLIC FAITH
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SERVING OTHERS
DEFENDING CATHOLIC VALUES

Brother Knights...it's that time again, please join us at the Hall (126 W 7th Street) Tuesday, Dec 5th to pay your 2024 dues. Grab a bowl of chili as our thank you and save us a stamp at the same time. The financial Secretary will be there to receive your dues and give you your card. Also we would love to have you stay for our Council meeting at 7:00pm. Hall will be open by no later than 6:00pm to feed you and receive your dues. Thank you for all you do for our Council, Parish and community. If you are not a Knight yet but would like to join us, stop in and we can take care of that. First year of membership is FREE. You can't beat a deal like that!

DUES PAYMENTS: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MEETING: 7:00 pm -7:45 pm DUES PAYMENTS: 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm





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

Paul and Christine Matheny and their three children, Madelyn, Randy and Vincent

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!



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 at development@salinadiocese.org.

CALLED is a group of Young Adults (over the age of 18) who gather for faith formation, to serve out community and in fellowship. God calls us all to worship, so join



us as celebrate the Christmas season with our Christmas Party on December 12th at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Bring your favorite appetizer to share and a friend as we play some games and enjoy fellowship with one another!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Dec 12th - Last meeting of the year. Families are welcome!

Jan 9th - First meeting of the Year! If you have any questions contact Cayley at 785-307-4164.



### **ATTENTION** MEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

The Men of the Knights of Columbus Council #1029 are excited to share the implementation of COR, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for men of St. Francis Xavier's Parish. COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Soon, you will have the opportunity to complete a survey on what time would work the best for you. Stay tuned. If you have additional questions, please contact Dan Culbertson at 785-761-5194 or email: culbertsondaniel?@gmail.com.





### **Upcoming Meeting!**

The Living Water Ministry will meet on Saturday, 09 Dec 2023 at 10:00 in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room.

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.



### **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:

03 Dec - Anthony and Frannie Torrez

09 Dec - Debbie Gose

17 Dec - Janet Hahn

24 Dec - Jim and Rosemary Morris

31 Dec - Charlene Ross

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

12/6 - Class/Adoration/Reconciliation 12/13 - Christmas Program

12/20-27 - No Class, Christmas Break

1/3 - Catechist Formation

1/10 - Class/Parent meeting for First Communion



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### TITHING CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Tax time is looming with the new year coming soon! The St. Xavier Business Office will be sending out your tithing contribution statements no later than January 31, 2024. If you see any error or just have questions about it or do not receive yours, please call my office at 785-238-2841, ext. 203.



Thanks and to all have a wonderful holiday season! Carol Tomson

Business Administrator at St. Xavier Psalm 54:6 - "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your Name, O Lord, for it is good."



### **Poinsettia Memorial Tree**

Would you like to remember a loved one during Christmas by providing a poinsettia plant for our poinsettia memorial trees? If so, please fill our the form below and send along with \$10 per plant to Ellen Westerhaus, 1542 Tamerisk Dr, Junction City KS, 66441 or

put it in a separate envelope and leave in the collection basket or drop it by the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to *St. Xavier's Art & Environment*. Your loved one will be remembered at a Mass and their names will appear on a handout that will be available on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please call Ellen at 785-375-9335.

Orders will be taken until 18 Dec 2023.

(Names of loved ones to be remembered)									

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

### **School Office Hours:**

Mon-Fri: 7:50am - 3:50pm

### SCHOOL STAFF Principal

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St. Francis Xavier Catholic School staff and students thank those who generously donated to the 2023 #iGiveCatholic campaign. We truly appreciate your support and generosity. Funds donated to the school will go towards operational costs

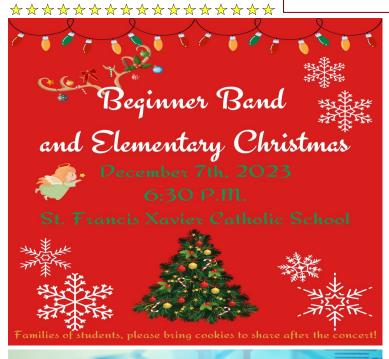


of the school. Please check out our student thank you on our school Face-book and website.

### Basketball & BBQ

Join us for basketball and BBQ on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Middle school games vs. FHCS will begin at 4:30 pm followed by high school games at 6:30 pm. Delicious smoked meats will be available in the concession stand. So, plan to come out for a delicious dinner, and cheer on the Rams to a victory.

Shawn Augustine





The Basketball and BBQ event will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Xavier School. Come out to see our MS and HS teams compete against Flint Hills Christian School beginning at 4:30pm, enjoy

delicious smoked meats meals at the concessions, and help us kick off the basketball season.

Hope to see you there!



Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup> St. Xavier School will be offering a Monday-Friday afternoon preschool class for 3-year olds. Class times will run from 12:25-3:25pm at a

cost of \$350 per month. Aftercare is available if needed. For more information call the school office at 785-238-2841 or email principal Shawn Augustine at principal@saintxrams.org.



Stay up to date with the latest school information by viewing the December newsletter on the St. Xavier school webpage at saintxrams.org. Printed copies are available in the gathering area of the church.



Show your Ram pride with new spirit wear available on our Honor Screen Printing and Embroidery web page at stxrams.itemorder.com. The sweatshirts can be worn as part of the school uniform and the newly added winter accessories would make great holiday gifts. A portion of the sales go to support St. Xavier athletic and academic activities. Visit our site today!



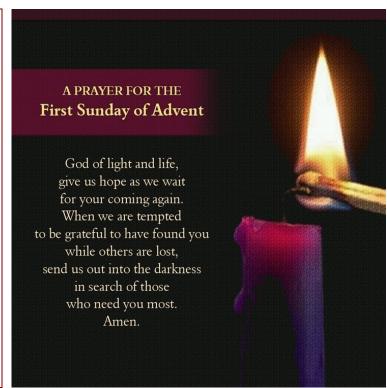
Manna House of Prayer in Concordia is offering this Advent on Advent Series via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per session.

December 6 - Session 1: O Rising Dawn! Join us as we contemplate the empty crib in the stable and its promise of mysterious fullness.

December 13 - Session 2: O Wisdom We will share what *O Come, O Come Emanuel* antiphon is about and what wisdom means to us.

December 20 - Session 3: O Christ for all Ages. Experiencing the Christmas story each year reminds us that Christ is one with us as human beings.

Manna House of Prayer 785-243-4428 www.mannhouse.org



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT								
09-10 DEC 2023	SATURDAY, 09 DEC 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 10 DEC 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 10 DEC 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 10 DEC 2023 11:00 AM				
Lector	John Triplett	Pat Beavers	Delores Vollenweider	John Lamb				
Extraordinary Ministers	Eric Page Jodean Tieyah Mike Rhodes	Cathy Striggow Eva Pearson Cindy Lamberty	Sierra Jackson Kristy Haden Jane Bauman	Deb Breidenstein Mario Langas Margie Langas				
Gift Bearers	Sr. DJ Rak Diane Ussery	Liebau Family	Engstrom Family	Frankie Holton				
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jayden Striggow - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lucas Liebau - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liam Simon - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Henry Engstrom - 1 <sup>st</sup> Levi 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>				
Musician and Cantor	Katie Wiley Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Heather Augustine Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine				
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Shar Boland Teddy Tieyah	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Josh Pittman	Don Haffner Jeanie Wolford Bob Catalo Karen Eddy	Paul Rosell Josh Lichtensteiger Ray Felix Humberto Cruz Correa				
Tithing Counters	Sr. DJ Rak, Diane Ussery, Doris Fontimayor							

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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