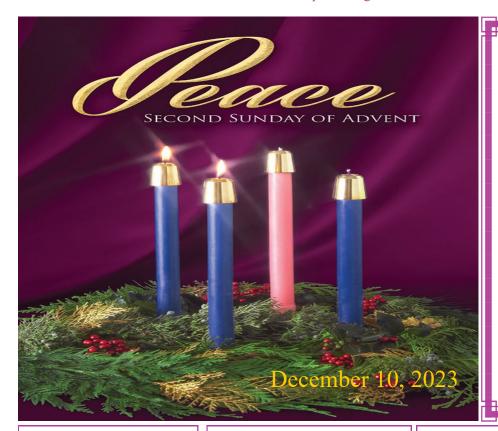
## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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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 - 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

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Josh Lichtensteiger

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bsatroop41@cox.net 785-210-5568



## 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 10 Dec 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Intentions of the Ted Courville family Pro populo † Jackie Langvardt	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Midnight Mass Choir Practice, 1:00 pm Advent Penance Service, 3:00 pm				
Monday 11 Dec 2023		No Mass		Parish Council mtg, 5:45 pm, PMR Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239				
Tuesday 12 Dec 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	L/D members of the Ussery family	Adoration, following Mass until 1:00 am CALLED mtg, 7:00 pm, KofC Hall 7-12 Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm, Gym				
Wednesday 13 Dec 2023	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory † Chong Cha Small	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				
Thursday 14 Dec 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Ann Nancy Chege	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Circle 1 meeting, 11:30 am Adoration, following Mass until 6:00 pm <i>Parish Holy Hour</i> , 6:00 pm Circle 4 meeting, 7:10 pm, OLPH				
Friday 15 Dec 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Jim Westerhaus	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 16 Dec 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Auguster and Marina Davis	Living Water Ministry, 10:00 am, OLPH Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm				

### Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. ~Mark 1:1-8

#### THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ADVENT:

Understandably Mary receives much focus during Advent. This is understandable as it was her "yes" that possible the gift of her Son to us. For this reason, she is often described as "The First Disciple." I have always liked the words of the second preface for Advent: "For the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling..."



Looking to her can help us long and yearn for Christ at a deeper level. We can also be aided by looking at the two major feasts of Mary during Advent. The first we just celebrated, December 8 the Feast of the Immaculate Conception." One of the aspects of this feast that means a lot for me is that I see sin as that which keeps me from being free. Being totally free from sin all of her life enabled Mary to give a totally free "yes" to God when she agreed to be the mother of our Savior. I find motivation in this to being less controlled by my habits, addictions, sins, etc.

Secondly, on this coming Tuesday we will celebrate the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. While the patroness of the United States is Mary of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of Mexico and of all the Americas is our Lady of Guadalupe. As December 8 is a holy day of obligation in the United States, December 12 is one in Mexico. Luke 1:48 says, "For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed." The Blessed Virgin appearing to an ordinary native of Mexico in 1531 extending the same favor to the oppressed native peoples as God extended to her can help us do the same.

May we turn to Mary to help us be more free of sin and more sensitive to those who are hurting during these Advent days. She will then help us rejoice as she did: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." (Luke 1:47)

Blessings to all! Father Kerry

# TITHES & OFFERINGS STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars
Online Giving	1,060.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	12,692.64
Children's Tithing	37.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Gifts and Memorials	125.00
Total for 02/03 Dec	\$14,039.64

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 Dec 2023 Parish
operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 \*

Dec Tithing/Offering collections to date

Balance needed to meet our Dec needs: \$73,592.86

Dec 2023 G&D collected to date .....\$3,222.36

\* - 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.





The 2024 Tithing/Offering envelopes are in the Gathering Space for your pickup. If you are not registered for envelopes and would like some, blank sets are available in the Parish Office. Please see Cindy to set up your envelope number.



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

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.

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.



## 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.



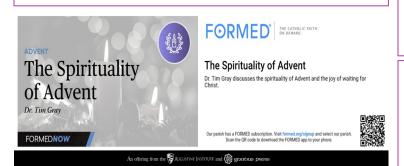
Thank you to all who donated food, worked, or joined us for our Free Community Luncheon on Saturday, December 2. We served close to 100 meals and were able to use leftover food the next day. Thanks also to the Knights for giving us a space for the community meal and St Xavier's Feast Day on December 3..... as well as cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Thank you to the Circles and Living Water Ministry members who donated food and worked to make the day special. It was great to get together to celebrate our parish.

Thanks to all who came!



Father, this second week of Advent, keep us in perfect peace as our mind is stays on the truth of your powerful love. Thank you for your mighty, sovereign hand. Help us to trust fully in You and rest in the peace that you offer.

It's in the precious name of Jesus we pray.









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

#### Harrison and Anne Gudorf, and their children, Abigail and Daniel

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!

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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: culbertsondaniel7@gmail.com.



#### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Pastoral Ministry Formation: The following options are college courses accredited through Newman College. You may just audit them but they are wonderful opportunities.

*Christology, Who is Jesus*: a "three-hour" course on 9 Saturday mornings beginning January 20.

The Eucharist, Source and Summit: a "one-hour" course on 4 Tuesday evenings beginning January 16. Taught by Fr. Terry Klein and Fr. Bob Schremmer of the Dodge City diocese, both offered over zoom. For more information, call the parish office.



#### **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:

09 Dec - Debbie Gose

17 Dec - Janet Hahn

24 Dec - Jim and Rosemary Morris

31 Dec - Charlene Ross



12/13 - Christmas Program 12/20-27 - No Class, Christmas Break

1/3 - Catechist Formation

1/10 - Class/Parent meeting for First Communion



#### 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)								

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#### **School Office Hours:**

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

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#### **SCHOOL STAFF Principal**

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business-admin@saintxrams.org

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Kelly Palmer

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Courtney Boehm

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St. Francis Xavier School

The St. Francis Xavier School annual Baby Jesus Shower is December 15th. Items needed are:

Baby Hygiene items (shampoos, lotions, combs, brushes, etc.)

Outfits: 0-3 months and 3-6 months

Car seat covers Cloth Diapers **Nursing Pad** Burp cloths Baby Wipes **Baby Toys** 

Towels Baby Blankets **Newborn Pacifiers** Infant Thermometers Infant Tylenol (NO ASPIRIN)

All donations will be given to the Junction City Pregnancy Services Center to support new mothers. Please bring all wrapped gifts to the school by December 15th at 8:00 am. Thank you!

Shawn Augustine

## -YEAR-OLD OL PROGRA St. Francis Xavier School is now offering a Monday-Friday afternoon preschool class for 31st, 2023 to be eligible. Aftercare is available Begins: January 4th, 2024 Time: Monday-Friday 12:25-3:25 pm Cost: \$350 per month **ENROLL NOW**



#### **Christmas Concert**

The 7th-12th grade concert band and choir will be having their holiday concert on December 12th at 7pm in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend for an evening of holiday music to celebrate the Christmas season.





Word of mouth is our best form of advertisement. Tell others about our exceptional parish school! We word! are currently enrolling students in Pre-K through 12th grade for the

2nd semester of the 2023-24 school year. Those interested are invited to tour our campus and learn more about the opportunities available at St. Francis Xavier School by calling the school office at 785-238-2841 or by sending an email to principal@saintxrams.org.

#### HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER



The St. Xavier PTO will be wrapping gifts on Wednesday, December 13th from 6-8 pm. Bring your holiday gifts to the cafeteria of building C and PTO will do the rest! Wrapping paper and ribbon is provided or you can bring your own. A donation of \$3 per gift is suggested.

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!





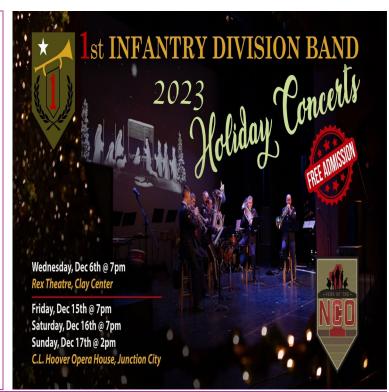
Manna House of Prayer in Concordia is offering this Advent on Advent Series via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per session.

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							
16-17 DEC 2023	SATURDAY, 16 DEC 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 17 DEC 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 17 DEC 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 17 DEC 2023 11:00 AM			
Lector	Kristina Coffman	Allen Dinkel	Bryan Schoenhofer	Janet Hahn			
Extraordinary Ministers	Sandy Leistner Susan Kamphaus Eric Page	Maureen Gustafson Kellie Boeh Mike Boeh	Brenda Dacus Amber Davis Jeanie Wolford	Jessie Breidenstein Patrick Gannaway Margie Langas			
Gift Bearers	Mirriam Davis Family	Glunz Family	Veniegas Family	Athorp Family			
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jayden Striggow - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grayson Bechard - 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Hausauer - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dana Davis - 1 <sup>st</sup> Kim Davis - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ryan Davis - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janis Curit - 1 <sup>st</sup> Noah Cruz- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bernhards Curit - 3 <sup>rd</sup>			
Musician and Cantor	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir	Katie Wiley			
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Jodean Tieyah Teddy Tieyah George Heard	Richard Striggow Louis Rodriguez Richard Gustafson Ellen Westerhaus	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Larry Kramer Karen Eddy	Mario Langas Sam Niemczyk John Hagerty Inga Klusa-Curit			
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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