

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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Gaudete Sunday, 10 Dec 2023

"Rejoice"

Third Sunday of
Advent



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.

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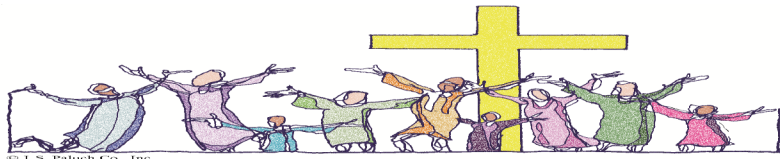
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Welcome to our Parish

"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."
-St. Francis Xavier

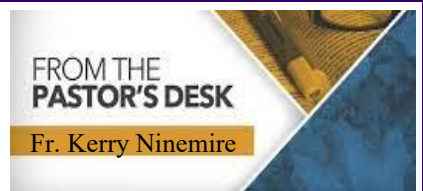
PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of
† - Deceased Perpetual Help Room

DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday 17 Dec 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Finn Slattery Pro populo L/D members of the Eckenrode and Hahn families	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Midnight Mass Choir Practice, 1:00 pm
Monday 18 Dec 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Tuesday 19 Dec 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN	Adoration, following Mass until 1:00 am
Wednesday 20 Dec 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH
Thursday 21 Dec 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Special intentions of Siony Sample and Crescenciana Alog	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm Finance Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
Friday 22 Dec 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	L/D members of Henney, Braddy and Carter families	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 23 Dec 2023	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† John Dowling	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



This third week of Advent, begins with Gaudete (rejoice!) Sunday. This marks the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas. Our daily prayer should continue to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way of the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us in getting nearer.

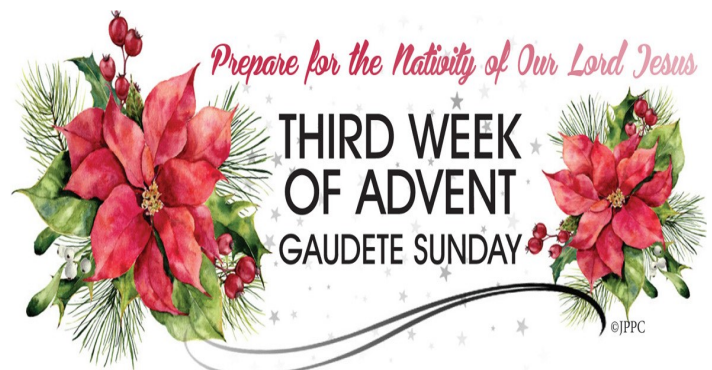


Prayer for Gaudete Sunday

God of all Creation,
Fill our hearts this Advent season.
May we know the greatest joy in the love you hold for us
and that we, in turn, hold for one another.

Jesus, Lord and Savior,
You taught us to pray for all things in your name.
May all of those who suffer from pain, loneliness, fear,
and despair find joy in the promise of your light and life.

Spirit of Hope,
We take refuge in your wisdom and grace.
May we become beacons of joy to all those around us in a
world that aches for peace.
Amen.



Blessings to all!
Father Kerry

TITHES & OFFERINGS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<i>Giving</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	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.
Online Giving	285.00	
Envelopes/loose check/cash	9,867.00	
Children's Tithing	28.00	
Immaculate Conception	1,328.69	
Gifts and Memorials	264.20	
Total for 09/10 Dec	\$11,772.89	

Religious Retirement - \$1,113.00

Amount needed to meet our Dec 2023 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 *
 Dec Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$25,812.53**
 Balance needed to meet our Dec needs: **\$61,819.97**

Dec 2023 G&D collected to date\$3,653.37

* - 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.

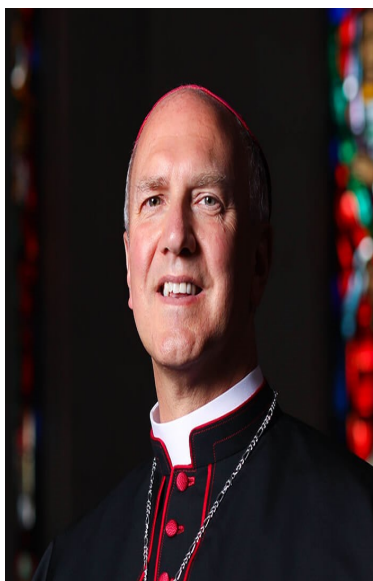


WELCOME, BISHOP VINCKE

With Christmas Eve on Sunday this year, our parish has six Masses scheduled on December 24. Three for the regular Sunday Masses celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent and three celebrating Christmas. Bishop Vincke will be coming to assist us in the Mass schedule on December 24. He will preside at the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses.

Thank you, Bishop Vincke!

Christmas Masses on 24 December will be at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and the Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 pm.



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

Deb Chaudary
 Marissa Graham
 Sandy Dietrich

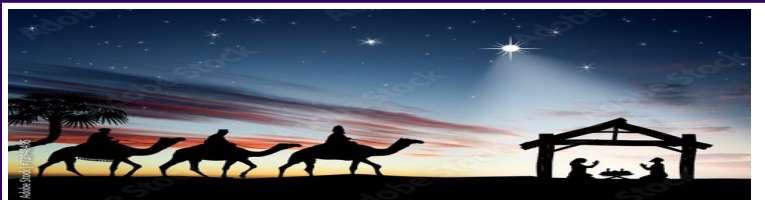


Steve Matthews	Jami Ann Bird	Bruce Piava
Benjamin Grelk	Elizabeth Clark	Rachel Moore
Lindy Grant-Rubash	Elizabeth Bunce	Mary Bolette
Ralph Schmedemann	Cooper Holloway	Julie Taylor
Peggy Wawrzyniak	Jude Fairchild	Judy Rosa
Manny Pasquil	Shirley Oaks	Marty Perta
Ryleigh Joos	James DeCarlo	John Cooner
Chris Robison	Andrew Simon	Karen Morris
John Majerus	Pat Weber	



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 in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR ST. XAVIER PARISH

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday and Friday following Mass and Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

(Sunday Masses on 24 Dec will be at regular scheduled times: 8, 9:30 and 11:00 am)

Sunday, 24 Dec 2023 **4:00 pm and 6:00 pm**
Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 pm
 Monday, 25 Dec 2023 9:30 am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, 31 Dec 2023 Regular Mass schedule at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, 01 Jan 2024 Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day but not a day of obligation.
Mass will be at 9:00 am.



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Knights' News

Knight of the Month: **John Hagerty**

Family of the Month: **Josh Lichtensteiger Family**

- ♦ The 50/50 pot was won by Paul Rosell and the Progressive Pot had Beal Anthony's name pulled but he was not present to win.
- ♦ Eric Coffman was elected to the Chancellor's position and Ray Felix was elected to the Deputy Grand Knight position. Congratulations to these two gentlemen for stepping up. We say a big thank you to Jim Keating and Tracy Schmidt who previously served in these positions.
- ♦ The Knights of Columbus donated \$200 to Kansans for Life and will present Father Kerry with a Christmas gift.

For your planning purposes, the Parish Office will be closed on the following days for the holidays:

Monday, 25 Dec 2023
Tuesday, 26 Dec 2023
Monday, 01 Jan 2023



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 as we start the new year off with Adoration and short meeting at 7:00 pm in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room!

Jan 9th - Adoration
Jan 23rd - Continuing with Isaiah

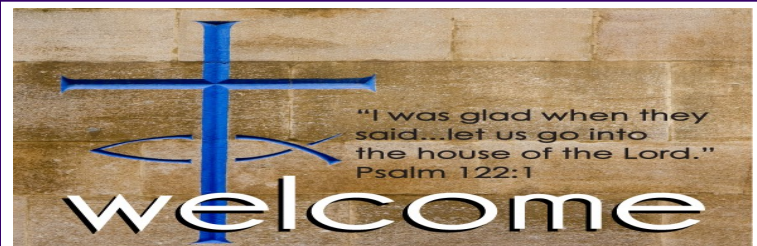
If you have any questions contact Cayley at 785-307-4164.

AVAILABLE!

The St. Xavier Parish calendar is available in the Gathering Space. The calendars are first come, first served. We ask only one calendar per family please.



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.



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

Jason and Rachelle Crawford, and their children, Sawyer, Austin and Harper

Spencer and Mary Kuttler and their son, Ezekiel

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

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



Joy to the world



Living Water Ministry visited Valleyview Senior Life Center to do some singing of Christmas carols with residents and staff on Saturday, 09 Dec 2023.



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

During the Christmas Season we celebrate the birth of Christ among us that brings hope and joy to the world. Make a difference through supporting the

Missionary Childhood Association as MCA seeks to share the Good News of Jesus with the children in the developing world. Your prayer and sacrifice help provide children in desperate need with clean water, food, education and medical care - and above all, the knowledge and love of God. Donations may be placed in the special bowl near St. Xavier's nativity scene.

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

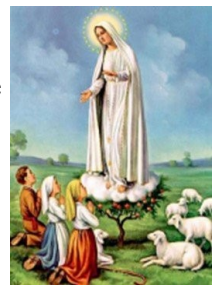
If you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, please contact Colleen Henney at 785-238-2618 to be included in the schedule.

Statute Schedule:

17 Dec - Janet Hahn

24 Dec - Jim and Rosemary Morris

31 Dec - Charlene Ross



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

12/20-27 - No Class, Christmas Break

1/3 - Catechist Formation

1/10 - Class/Parent meeting for First Communion

1/17 - Class/Parent/Sponsor Meeting Confirmation



ADVENT

The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACIOUS PRESENCE



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 out 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
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The St. Francis Xavier School staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday season and that it is one full of peace, hope, joy, and love. May God continue to bless our parish, school, and community.

The school office will be closed from Wednesday, December 20th through Wednesday, January 3rd. Students will return to school on Thursday, January 4th.

Shawn Augustine

Message From The Principal



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.

NEW! 3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

St. Francis Xavier School is now offering a Monday-Friday afternoon preschool class for 3-year-olds. Students must be 3 as of August 31st, 2023 to be eligible. Aftercare is available if needed.

- ✓ Begins: January 4th, 2024
- ✓ Time: Monday-Friday 12:25-3:25 pm
- ✓ Cost: \$350 per month

ENROLL NOW



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St. Francis Xavier School is currently enrolling Pre-K through 12th grade students for the 2nd semester of the 2023-24 school year. To learn more about the education opportunities available see our website at saintxrams.org. For questions or to schedule a visit email Principal Shawn Augustine at principal@saintxrams.org.



Now is the time to order your St. X Rams spirit wear apparel. Be sure to get your order in ASAP so you can get them under the Christmas tree. Visit stxrams.itemorder.com and enter sales code "RamsChristmas10" for 10% off!



Way to go!



Congratulations to our teacher of the month, Mrs. Becker! Colleagues shared that Mrs. Becker is always kind and helpful. Her experience and knowledge make her an invaluable resource for new teachers. She is steadfast in her expectations of all students, goes out of her way to make sure they are confident in the material, and she provides numerous opportunities for them both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our middle school student of the month is 8th grader, Arien Mangefel! Arien works hard in class and excels academically. She does a nice job on assignments and turns everything in on time. Arien is always willing to answer or ask questions in class. She works well with her classmates and leads by example.

Junior Danika Ellis is the high school student of the month. Danika has a great attitude and is a very positive person who is kind to everyone. She works diligently and does her best in the classroom. Danika not only does well academically, but she is involved in both athletic and non-athletic activities. Her faith is strong, and it is shown both inside and outside of the school.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

23-24 DEC 2023	SATURDAY, 23 DEC 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 24 DEC 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 24 DEC 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 24 DEC 2023 11:00 AM
<i>Lector</i>	Ryan Rosauer	Pat Beavers	Kristina Coffman	Margie Langas
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Eric Page Dianne Ussery Sandy Leistner	Jane Handlos Andrew Simon Betsy Liebau	Jeanie Wolford Kristy Haden Brenda Dacus	Deb Breidenstein Randy Testa Mario langas
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Sr. DJ Rak	AnnMarie Striggow Family	Jacob Davis Family	Moreland Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st - 2 nd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st Lucas Liebau - 2 nd Liam Simon - 3 rd	Janis Curit - 1 st Kim Davis - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd	Kassidy Jahnke - 1 st Noah Cruz- 2 nd Ava Cruz - 3 rd
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	Katie Wiley Youth Choir	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell
<i>Ushers</i>	Buz Bruzina Shar Boland Jodean Tieyah Teddy Tieyah	Richard Striggow Neal Patry Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh	Don Haffner Karen Eddy Bob Catalo Larry Kramer	John Hagerty Ray Felix Sam Niemczyk Paul Rosell

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY, 24 DEC 2023 4:00 PM	SUNDAY, 24 DEC 2023 6:00 PM	SUNDAY, 24 DEC 2023 10:00 PM	MONDAY 25 DEC 2023 9:30 AM
<i>Lector</i>	Ryan Rosauer	Mary Effland	Knights of Columbus	John Triplett
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Mike Boeh Deb Breidenstein Jodean Tieyah Amber Davis	Maureen Gustafson	Knights of Columbus	Richard Striggow Jeanie Wolford Betsy Liebau Cathy Striggow
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jacob Beavers Family	Engstrom Family	Knights of Columbus	Bechard Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Kim Davis - 1 st Ryan Davis - 2 nd Dana Davis - 3 rd	Henry Engstrom - 1 st Levi Engstrom - 2 nd John Engstrom - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow- 1 st Janis Curit - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st Lucas Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	Katie Wiley Children's Christmas Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine	Anita Hernandez (Dir.) Sandi Adams (Acc.) Christmas Choir	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman
<i>Ushers</i>	Pat Beavers Angela Beavers Josh Pittman Teddy Tieyah	Don Haffner Richard Gustafson	Richard Striggow Knights of Columbus	AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Josh Pittman Paul Rosell





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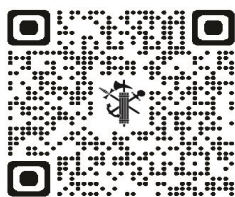
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