

# 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.*

218 N. Washington St., Junction City KS 66441  
Parish Office 785-238-2998 [www.saintxparish.org](http://www.saintxparish.org)

200 N. Washington St., Junction City KS 66441  
School Office: 785-238-2841 [www.saintxrams.org](http://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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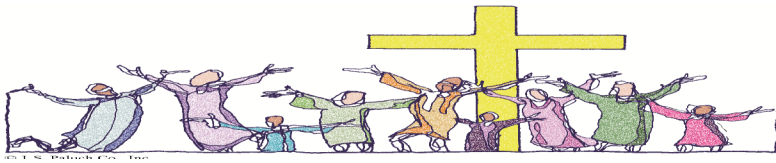
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# Welcome to our Parish

"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>24 Dec 2023</b>	8:00 am	Holy Mass	L/D members of the Obermeyer family	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass	† Ruth Rago	
	11:00 am	Holy Mass	Pro populo	
<b>Christmas Masses</b>				
<b>Sunday</b> <b>24 Dec 2023</b>	4:00 pm	Holy Mass	† Charles and Isabell Fiffe	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass	† Paul Lee and Anne Kwon	
	10:00 pm	Midnight Mass	† Nick Nenow	
<b>Monday</b> <b>25 Dec 2023</b>	9:30 am	Holy Mass	† All deceased soldiers	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26 Dec 2023</b>		No Mass		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>27 Dec 2023</b>	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Luise Rhodes	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH
<b>Thursday</b> <b>28 Dec 2023</b>	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† James Rhodes	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm
<b>Friday</b> <b>29 Dec 2023</b>	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Virginia Rhodes	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH
<b>Saturday</b> <b>30 Dec 2023</b>	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Hilde Folwell	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm



CHRISTMAS AS A SEASON: For the Church, Christmas is not just one day but a season. We have prepared four weeks and so we celebrate for at least two weeks. And the season is very full of meaningful feasts:

December 25, Christmas Day

December 26, St Stephen the first martyr/witness to Christ's power calling us to die to self,

December 27, St John, the Gospel writer who wrote so beautifully of God's love in Christ,

December 28, the Holy Innocents, who challenge us in regard to abortion and immigration,

December 31, the Holy Family, the model for all families and human relationships

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a holy day, but not obligation this year)

January 6-7, Epiphany, celebrating Christ as priest, prophet and king.

January 8, The Baptism of the Lord concludes this wonder-filled season.



I ask you to keep your Christmas creche (crib) up throughout the season. I still remember as a child watching the progress of the three-wise men moving through the house until January 6. It helps our young ones celebrate the season, not just the day. Blessings on your New Year.

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	1,175.00	
Envelopes/loose check/cash	6,977.72	
Children's Tithing	20.00	
Immaculate Conception	25.00	
Gifts and Memorials	0.00	
<b>Total for 16/17 Dec</b>	<b>\$8,197.72</b>	

Religious Retirement - \$161.75

Amount needed to meet our Dec 2023 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 \*

Dec Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$22,237.36**

Balance needed to meet our Dec needs: **\$65,395.14**

Dec 2023 G&D collected to date .....\$3,365.36

\* - 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.*



**New 2024 Offering Envelopes**

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.

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 2024

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

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	Sandy Dietrich	Karen Morris
Pat Weber	Marissa Graham	Mary Baker

**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.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR ST. XAVIER PARISH**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Tuesday and Friday following Mass and Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm

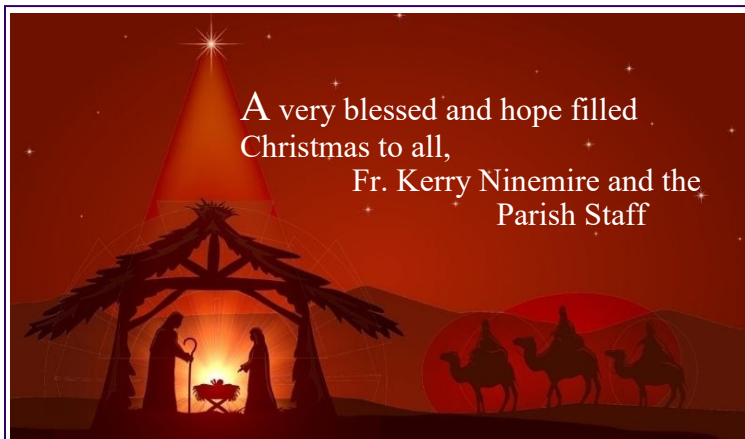
**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**  
(Sunday Masses on 24 Dec will be at regular scheduled times: 8, 9:30 and 11:00 am)

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.**



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.

### 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:

31 Dec - Charlene Ross

07 Jan - Susan and Ray Kamphaus

14 Jan - Rita Jenkins

21 Jan - Janet Hahn

28 Jan - Tina Lorangeau



**FORMED**

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND.

The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts, but when they caught in one of their antics, Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPARKS PRICES

### Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer



Heavenly Father, The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in that scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.

Your word became flesh and you made your dwelling among us when Jesus was born. You set aside all of the glory and splendor of heaven and chose the most humble way to enter into your kingdom. Beneath the stars, surrounded by all of the hosts of heaven, Love came. Welcomed by an earthly mother and father, shepherds and wise men, Love came.

You are King and King and Lord of Lords, Messiah, and Ruler of All, yet you came not as a lion but as a lamb. You came as an innocent baby whose purpose was to walk this earth in complete love and then to sacrificially give His life as an atonement for the sins of His children. Emmanuel. God with us. Love in the form of a man.

That was your plan. From beginning to end, you knew every minute of Jesus' life. You knew that the cross of Calvary was waiting for Jesus, yet you still sent your only Son so that our sin debt could be paid and we could walk blameless because of the shed blood of Jesus.

The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Our perfect gift would later be rewrapped in the scars of our sin and nailed to the rugged wood of a cross on Calvary, all because of Love.

Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

### 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 mtg Confirmation







CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
of SALINA

### Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina!

There are three scholarships available for the 2023-2025 school year. The application process for these scholarships has transitioned to an online format. Students are encouraged to apply online at [Bit.ly/diocesescholarships2024](https://bit.ly/diocesescholarships2024) by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If you have any questions, contact Torrie Gregg at [torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org).

#### Diocese of Salina Scholarships:

Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship - Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.00.

Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship - Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary but ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

#### Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina Scholarship:

Susie Deges Scholarship - This scholarship is specifically for graduating high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1,000.00.



### CALLING ALL KNIGHTS WIVES, DAUGHTERS AND SISTERS

EMPOWER OUR MISSION:  
RECRUIT, GROW, AND SERVE

The State Council is challenging you to assist in our membership initiative. If you recruit 2 eligible Catholic men **BEFORE December 30th**, you will be awarded \$100!

**Together**, we can make a significant impact on the lives of Catholic families and our parish community.

Help us serve, protect  
and defend those in need.  
Join 1.9 million Catholic  
men on a path where  
faith leads the way.



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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL**  
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**School Office Hours:**  
Mon-Fri: 7:50am - 3:50pm

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**The Grace of Christmas**

As we open our hearts  
to the Christ child,  
we open the goodness within.  
As we open our mind  
to the love of Christmas,  
we allow the heavens to shine through.  
It is on Christmas  
that Christ was born,  
a savior of humankind.  
May we rest in his love and grace.

Merry Christmas from the St. Francis Xavier School staff. May you find the grace, peace, and love as you gather with family and friends this holiday season.

Shawn Augustine

**Message  
From The  
Principal**



**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**

 **St. Francis Xavier School**  
principal@saintxrams.org  
(785) 238-2841



**BABY JESUS SHOWER**

St. Francis Xavier students participated in a Baby Jesus Shower where they brought in baby gifts to give to the Pregnancy Center of Junction City. This is an annual tradition where students have the opportunity to practice Catholic social teachings on caring for the poor and vulnerable. Thank you to all our Students, parish, and community member who donated gifts for this event.



**2ND SEMESTER  
ENROLLMENT**



**Preschool**

The kindergarten readiness program is open to children 3 - 5 years of age. Options include morning, afternoon, or a full day five day program where students are prepared socially and academically for their future in education.



**K-5th Grade**

A faith based education and small class sizes allow each child the opportunity to receive one on one instruction that encourages academic, spiritual, and personal growth.



**6th-12th Grade**

Middle and high school students receive a high quality education, faith formation, career counseling, and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities.

**Enroll Now!**

Let us be a part of your family's faith journey for the 2nd semester of the 2023-24 school year! To learn more about the exceptional educational opportunities available at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, please contact the school office or visit our website.

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**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

St. Xavier School will be closed for Christmas Break from December 20th - January 3rd. The second semester will begin January 4th. Blessings to you and yours this holiday season.





<b>STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT</b>				
<b>30-31 DEC 2023</b>	<b>SATURDAY, 30 DEC 2023 5:15 PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY, 31 DEC 2023 8:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY, 31 DEC 2023 9:30 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY, 31 DEC 2023 11:00 AM</b>
<i>Lector</i>	Eric Page	Joe Handlos	Kristina Coffman	Randy Testa
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Susan Kamphaus Jodean Tleyah Sandy Leistner	Maureen Gustafson Andrew Simon Tom Hollis	Jeanie Wolford Kristy Haden Jane Bauman	Deb Breidenstein Chris Breidenstein Margie Langas
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Sr. DJ Rak Diane Ussery	Effland Family	Coffman Family	Frankie Holton
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> Declan Boehm - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nolan Effland - 1 <sup>st</sup> Ian Effland - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sheldon Effland - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim Davis - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dana Davis - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ryan Davis - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kassidy Jahnke - 1 <sup>st</sup> Noah Cruz - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ava Cruz - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Ushers</i>	Buz Bruzina Josh Boehm George Heard John Hagerty	Richard Striggow Neal Patry Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh	Don Haffner Bob Catlao Connie Backhus Charlene Ross	Paul Rosell Mario Langas Humberto Cruz Correa Josh Lichtensteiger
<i>Tithing Counters</i>	Sr. DJ Rak, Diane Ussery, Doris Fontimayor			

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT</b>	
<b>01 JAN 2024</b>	<b>MONDAY, 01 JAN 2024 9:00 PM</b>
<i>Lector</i>	Susan Kamphaus
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Jane Handlos Joe Handlos Eric Page
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Glunz Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Levi Engstrom - 1 <sup>st</sup> Henry Engstrom - 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Engstrom - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	TBD
<i>Ushers</i>	Mary Ann Vieyra Ray Felix Josh Pittman Louis Rodriguez

### January Money Counters

Margie Langas, Murlene Jones and Charlene Ross



Bulletin articles or notices must be submitted by noon on Tuesdays for following weekend.  
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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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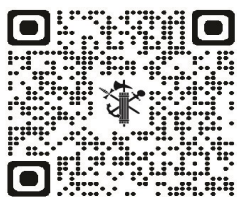
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