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## **FEAST OF** THE **HOLY FAMILY**





#### **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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# Welcome to our Parish

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR  PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room								
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS				
Sunday 31 Dec 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Lac Vu † Jerry and Celina Vincent Pro populo					
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God								
Monday 01 Jan 2024	9:00 am	Holy Mass	† Raymond Bennett					
Tuesday 02 Jan 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Jim Kuntz	Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:00 pm, KofC hall				
Wednesday 03 Jan 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Chong Cha Small	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm Rel Ed - Catechist Formation, 6:30 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH				
Thursday 04 Jan 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Bernard Marcotte	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm				
Friday 05 Jan 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Vern Hecker	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 06 Jan 2024	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass Sunday Vigil Mass	† All souls in Purgatory † Hilde Folwell	Living Water mtg, 9:00 am, OLPH rm Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm				



Please contact Cindy in the Parish Office if you would like tithing envelopes for 2024. Blank sets are still available for 2024 and we can get you assigned an envelop number for printed ones for next year!

FROM THE

PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Kerry Ninemire



#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF MARY, JOSEPH AND JESUS:

I have always appreciated a homily that Pope Paul VI gave on the occasion of this feast. He asked us to remember three points:

a) the first aspect of the feast that struck the Holy Father was the silence. We know very, very little about Jesus before he was baptized at 30. We know the Blessed Virgin Mary "pondered" it all. After our Christmas celebrations, I

can think of nothing better than a few moments of silence pondering the different ways we were struck by God's presence among us these last days.

b) Our imagination sees this family as one of sharing and full of love. We know it was not always easy as the time of Jesus' being lost in the temple and his mild (maybe teen-age) confrontation of Mary and Joseph illustrate. But the deeper love brought them together in all circumstances, especially when he was on the Cross. c) "in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails." We can imagine Jesus working and learning beside St. Joseph. Pope Paul VI went on to talk about the dignity of all labor, especially the work of our hands.

May God bless your family today and throughout the New Year. Father Kerry

# TITHES & OFFERINGS STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars
Online Giving	505.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	16,130.71
Children's Tithing	136.59
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Total for 23/24 Dec	\$16,797.30

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 \$39,034.66

Balance needed to meet our Dec needs: \$48,597.84

Dec 2023 G&D collected to date .....\$3,620.36

\* - 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.





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

> Carlos and Corin Cotto and their two children, Alexzander and Taylor

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!

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:



Steve Matthews
Benjamin Grelk
Lindy Grant-Rubash
Ralph Schmedemann
Peggy Wawrzyniak
Manny Pasquil
Ryleigh Joos
Chris Robison
Pat Weber
Marty Potter

Jami Ann Bird Elizabeth Clark Elizabeth Bunce Cooper Holloway Jude Fairchild Shirley Oaks James DeCarlo Sandy Dietrich Marissa Graham Bruce Piava Rachel Moore Mary Bolette Julie Taylor Judy Rosa Marty Perta John Cooner Karen Morris 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.

For your planning purposes, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday,
01 Jan 2024 for the
New Year's holiday.





If you purchased poinsettias for the St. Xavier
Poinsettia Memorial Trees behind our altar, please plan to pick them up after the 11:00
Mass on Sunday, 31 Dec 2023.
Please come by around 12:00 noon.



#### 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 Isiah 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.

Statute Schedule:

31 Dec - Charlene Ross

07 Jan - Susan and Ray Kamphaus

14 Jan - Rita Jenkins

21 Jan - Janet Hahn

28 Jan - Tina Lorandeau



#### 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, please call the parish office.



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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1/3 - Catechist Formation

1/10 - Class/Parent meeting First Communion



1/17 - Class/Parent/Sponsor mtg Confirmation

1/24 - Class/Parent meeting First Communion



#### FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINF INSTITUTE and Burcatius press

# Prayer to the Holy Family by Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.



Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness of inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



#### **SPECIAL BLESSINGS**

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith's publication of the Declaration on the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings (Fiducia Supplicans) has triggered strong reactions worldwide. Critics on one side complained that the document has adopted a pastoral approach that disregards doctrine, has sowed confusion among the faithful, and has disrespected the synodal process. Those on the other side complained that it continued the practice of designating homosexual or divorced and remarried people as sinners, to the point of advocating that they be blessed as objects.

These types of statements demonstrate how difficult it is to enter into a calm dialogue with a well-constructed, well-argued text. I would like to start from these few criticisms, gleaned from among others, to show that the text stands up against them rather well, and that it therefore invites in-depth reading.

#### A need for tangible signs of God:

To begin with, it is useful to identify the pastoral issue underlying this document, even if it is never explicitly formulated: how can we honor the sacrament of marriage in all its grandeur, while ignoring the fact that so many couples living outside marriage need tangible signs that God has not abandoned them? Otherwise, they run the risk of leaving the Church, either loudly or quietly.

The Declaration does an honest job of tackling this question, which haunts many pastors and baptized lay people. It is both doctrinal and pastoral: Catholics need to be strengthened in their faith that God created marriage for their happiness and for that of humanity, and that God remains kind and merciful to those who take other paths for reasons they often do not fully understand.

#### Consistency between doctrine and pastoral practice:

The document also declares its desire to bring "together the doctrinal aspects with the pastoral ones in a coherent manner". How does it do this? To begin with, in the first part, it describes the specificity of marriage, based on the liturgy reserved for it, in which an ordained minister gives God's blessing to the couple, made up of a man and a woman, who have exchanged their consent. Lex orandi, lex credendi: the Church's prayer guides us to what we should believe. If the liturgy of the sacrament contains three successive blessings (twice on the couple and at the end on the whole assembly), it's because it is based on biblical faith.

This is why the Declaration then goes on, as does the Ritual of the Blessings, to recapture their meaning in Sacred Scripture. The starting point is God's goodness: God blesses widely, bestowing grace. Then the people respond by blessing God (ascending blessing). Finally, ministers are commissioned to bless in God's name (descending blessing). From this emerges a doctrine of blessing, which the Church's pastoral ministry has developed in various forms throughout history.

#### Avoiding confusion:

Following Vatican II, the Declaration introduces both a similarity and a difference between sacraments and sacramentals, of which blessings are a part. By virtue of this difference, confusion must be avoided between the blessings that are proper to the sacrament of marriage and those that are not. The Declaration is not doctrinal, but pastoral. Firstly, it affirms that the Church does not have the power to exclude certain categories of couples on principle: to do so would be to contradict the ascending and descending movement revealed in Scripture, based on the revelation of God's merciful love. Couples can therefore bless God and be blessed by God.

Secondly, it gives ordained ministers precise criteria to avoid confusion when blessing couples in irregular situations or same-sex couples: it must be far removed from any civil marriage, in time and dress; it should be part of a spiritual process of trust in God, with humility and lucidity, as, for example, during a pilgrimage; it should not use ritual, but demonstrate "spontaneity and freedom".

#### The dignity of the baptized:

This last point in the Declaration is the most stimulating, both for pastoral work and for the deepening of doctrine. It is drawn from the ecclesial experience of popular piety, which was the subject of a Roman Directory in 2002. Here we join the dynamics of a synodal Church: before blessing, the minister is urged to listen to what the couple expects from God through their desire for blessing. He can then invite them to bless God for the fruits of their union, and to ask for God's help in overcoming the limitations and lack of love in their lives.

From his heart as a priest or deacon, an appropriate prayer and gesture may "spontaneously" spring forth to bless this couple. Thanks to this discerning and personalized blessing, couples having a complicated history will be able to acknowledge before God, supported by an ordained minister of the Church, their dignity as baptized people and the value of their shared history, despite its objective limitations. They can then be re-launched in their life of faith.

Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne is president of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome.

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

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

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#### **Happy 2024**

Happy New Year from our St. Francis Xavier School staff. We are grateful to have the support of our school families and parish community and look forward to the many blessing that God has in store for us as we prepare to begin the second



semester of the school year. In 2024, let's turn to Christ and trust in him as we continue to grow as a faith family.

#### **Basketball**

Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rams MS and HS teams have a home game vs. NEK. Games will begin at 4:30 pm with MS girls followed by MS boys at 5:30 pm and then HS boys at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for non-St. Xavier students. Concessions will be served, so come out and cheer on our teams to a victory.

Shawn Augustine



Congratulations to our December teacher of the month, Mr. Testa! Colleagues shared that Mr. Testa is a caring person who builds good relationships with students and expects the very best of them. When asked if he could teach 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science this school year, Mr. Testa was willing to take on this position in addition to his obligations to family and his construction business. He has been a blessing to have in the classroom as well as the leader of maintenance projects at the school. Thank you, Mr. Testa!

The middle school student of the month is 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Joshua Welter. Teachers say that Joshua has grown as a student by being more engaged in class and working to keep his grades up. Joshua has not only improved in the classroom but has been an integral part of the middle school boys' basketball team. Keep up the good work, Joshua!

Sophomore Charles Quinton has been chosen as the high school student of the month. Charles is a good example to other students by being involved in both academic and athletic events throughout the school year. Even though Charles is highly involved in activities, he does a nice job of keeping his grades up and puts in a great deal of effort into all that he does. Nice job Charles!



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St. Xavier School will be closed for the holidays from December 20<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The second semester will begin January 4<sup>th</sup>.





#### 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 by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If you have any questions, contact Torrie Gregg at 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT								
06-07 JAN 2024	SATURDAY, 06 JAN 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 07 JAN 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 07 JAN 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 07 JAN 2024 11:00 AM				
Lector	Susan Kamphaus	Allen Dinkel	Knights of Columbus	Ricardo Vieyra				
Extraordinary Ministers	Sandy Leistner Jodean Tieyah Courtney Boehm	Maureen Gustafson Cindy Lamberty Eva Pearson	Knights of Columbus	John Lamb Nanette Lamb Margie Langas				
Gift Bearers	Sr. DJ Rak Diane Ussery	Glunz Family	Knights of Columbus	Langas Family				
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 <sup>st</sup> Declan Boehm - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyla Liebau - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grayson Bechard - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liam Simon - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim Davis - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dana Davis - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ryan Davis - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janis Curit - 1 <sup>st</sup> Landon Berry - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bernhards Curit - 3 <sup>rd</sup>				
Musician and Cantor	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD				
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Teddy Tieyah George Heard Josh Boehm	Pat and Angela Beavers Louis Rodriguez Richard Gustafson	Knights of Columbus	Mario Langas Paul Rosell Inga Klusa-Curit Mary Ann Vieyra				
Tithing Counters		Margie Langas, Murlene	Jones and Charlene Ross	,				





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