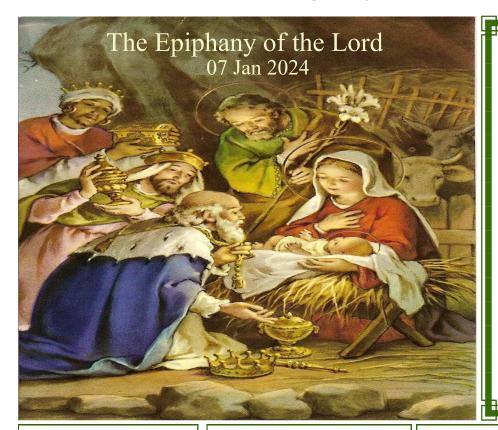
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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



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

Father Kerry Ninemire pastorknine@saintxparish.org

Deacon

Deacon Ed Souza Edsouza5861@gmail.com 785-770-5372

Parish Secretary

Cindy Obermeyer office@saintxparish.org 785-238-2998

Evangelization Coordinator

Amber Davis amber@saintxparish.org

Administrative Assistant Carol Tomson

Business-

admin@saintxrams.org

LITURGICAL COORDINATORS

EMHC/Ushers/Altar Servers/ Gift Bearers

Cathy Striggow

cathy.striggow@gmail.com Lectors

Susan Kamphaus

skamp50@cox.net

Arts and Environmental

Ellie Dillon (Weddings)

ellie.dillon@ymail.com Ellen Westerhaus (Funerals, etc)

> jwestyl@cox.net Music

Heather Augustine (Music Planning)

mickeyksu@gmail.com Katie Wiley (Scheduling)

wileyk@saintxrams.org

Rosary Group

Colleen Henney 785-238-2618

35-238-2618 **Adoration**

Dahlia Bowen 954-816-1407

PARISH MINISTRIES

Circle I: Wanita Hulett, Pres. 785-238-8656

Circle IV: Beverly Boller, Pres. 785-477-4903

Prayer Chain: Frannie Torrez only1franniet@yahoo.com 915-497-4570

Living Water Ministries:

Janet Hahn gunsmith@twinvalley.net

Respect Life Ministry:

Tom Hollis 785-717-5896 fiftymilemn@outlook.com

CALLED:

Cayley Sutton 785-307-4164

HS SPARK:

Sharon Engstrom 785-210-7729

engstromstx@gmail.com

JR CYO:

Amber Davis amber@saintxparish.org

COUNCILS

Parish Council Phil Diestelkamp, President

785-375-6838 phild956@gmail.com

Finance Council

Pat Gannaway, President pgannaway@gmail.com

School Council

Elizabeth Hausauer ethausauer@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight:

Josh Lichtensteiger joshualick07@gmail.com

Boy Scout Troop 41:

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 Perpetual Help Room								
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS				
Sunday 07 Jan 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Clyde William Gardner Pro populo Margie Langas	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239				
Monday 08 Jan 2024		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C				
Tuesday 09 Jan 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Steve Bruce	Adoration, following Mass until 1:00 am CALLED mtg, 7:00 pm, OLPH				
Wednesday 10 Jan 2024	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass	† Madeline Caspar † Deceased members of Ruth and Junior Cook family	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm Rel Ed class/parent mtg, 6:30 pm, Bldg C St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH				
Thursday 11 Jan 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Magdalena Caspar	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm Circle IV mtg, 7:10 pm, OLPH				
Friday 12 Jan 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Kathryn and Leonard Engstrom	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 13 Jan 2024	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Jennie La Rosa	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm				



Father Kerry

A Prayer for the New Year

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes.

Not by making your path easy,

but by making you sturdy enough to travel any path.

Not by taking hardships from you,

but by taking fear from your heart.

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

but by keep your face bright, even in the shadows.

Not by making your life always pleasant,

but by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

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



TITHES & OFFERINGS STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars
Online Giving	280.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	7,228.68
Children's Tithing	3.00
Immaculate Conception	715.00
Total for 30/31 Dec	\$8,226.68

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.

\$40,371.16

Religious Retirement - \$70.00

Balance needed to meet our Dec needs:

Amount needed to meet our Dec 2023 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 * Dec Tithing/Offering collections to date \$47,261.34

Dec 2023 G&D collected to date\$4,020.36

* - 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





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

Sean and Kelly Palmer and their daughter, Jolene

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

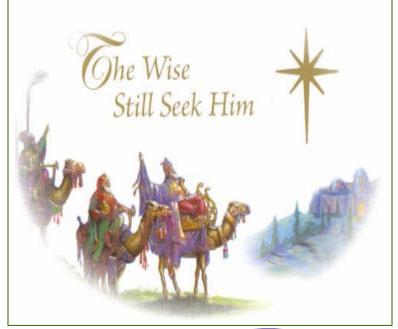
God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have

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.

TITHING ENVELOPES

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!









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:

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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Snow is in our forecast and we need volunteers to help clean the walkways around the church and school. Please reach down inside and find the Spirit urging you to step up and help us all! We know it is no fun but if many help it is over quick and you are



back inside. We do have two snowblowers but we need someone to work them! We need you! Please let the Parish Office, Father Kerry or Eric Page know if we can count on you to help us all out! God bless you for your big heart!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1/10 - Class/Parent meeting First Communion



1/17 - Class/Parent/Sponsor meeting Confirmation

1/24 - Class/Parent meeting First Communion

1/31 - Class



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Prayer

The hidden life of Nazareth allows every person to be in Communion with Jesus along the most ordinary paths of everyday life.

Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus, that is, the school of the Gospel... In the first place, may it teach us silence.

Oh! May an appreciation of this stupendous and indispensable atmosphere for the spirit return to us...

May it teach us the way to live in the family. Nazareth reminds us what the family is, what communion of love is, its austere and simple beauty, it sacred and inviolable character....

Finally, let us learn a lesson work. Oh! House of Nazareth, home of the "Carpenter's Son!" Here, we especially want to understand how to praise the severe but redeeming law of human labor...

We want to greet worker through the world and show them their great model, their Divine Brother.

~ Saint Pope Paul VI





What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.





WALKTOMARY

United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

Walk to Mary is a pilgrimage in Champion, Wisconsin, to the only Vatican approved apparition site in the United States. In 1859, the Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise on the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, asking her to teach them what they should know for salvation. Thousands of pilgrims make this trek

"We walk because life is a journey of discovery and revelation, not a destination. Along the way, we tire, toil and triumph. We empty ourselves out, making room for the Holy Spirit to expand within us. When we arrive, tired and exhausted, we encounter the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion as a refreshing oasis along life's journey, offering respite for all who are weary and thirsty."

If you are interested in making this spiritual and physical pilgrimage with fellow parishioners and participate on May 4, 2024, please contact Amber Davis at the Parish

For more information about the pilgrimage visit: https:// walktomary.com/

For more information about The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion visit: https://championshrine.org/

Vacancy, CEO

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Salina

Together, let us be disciples on mission.

Sharing the love of God is core to this opportunity. As a CEO, you will be the driving force in advancing the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Salina.

Have you been praying about your career? Looking for something that leverages your ability to build trust and relationships?

Do you recognize that you do have the gifts and skills to help move the mission forward? Are you optimistic about the Diocese of Salina and its future?

Have you had thoughts about making a career change, but haven't seen clearly where that path is yet? Do you have a conviction about our Catholic faith and some awareness of our needs?

Call the Chancery and learn more about this opportunity at 785-342-0819. Talk to Kim about this transformational possibility.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\cancel{\sim}}$

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\cancel{\sim}}$

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\swarrow}$

☆

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$

☆

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$

Educating for eternity through faith and reason

School Office Hours:

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

SCHOOL STAFF Principal

Shawn Augustine
principal@saintxrams.org

School Business Administrator
Carol Tomson

business-admin@saintxrams.org

Office Administrative Assistant Kelly Palmer

office@saintxrams.org

School Council President

Elizabeth Hausauer

ethausauer@yahoo.com *PTO President*

Courtney Boehm courtneyd.boehm@gmail.com



January is Catholic Schools Month. Catholic education is the framework that builds a well-rounded student in body, mind, and spirit. Daily exposure to lessons in the Catholic faith is important to developing a strong religious founda-



tion for children. This is all made possible by our highly qualified St. Francis Xavier staff whose passion is to teach students and help them grow, both spiritually and academically. I am blessed to work with such an amazing staff carrying out this mission. I appreciate the energy and encouragement that they bring to our students and ask that you keep them in your prayers as we begin the 2nd semester of the school year. May God continue to bless them for saying yes to working for a Catholic school and to providing a Catholic education that prepares students for the future and keeps them rooted in their Catholic faith.

School Auction

St. Francis Xavier School needs volunteers to help with our school auction that is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, at 5:00 pm. We need support in the areas of soliciting, food, drinks, greeting and seating, decorating, raffles, finance, set up, and tear down. Please contact Principal Shawn Augustine at principal@saintxrams.org if you are able to help out, and plan to attend our first auction meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, at 5:30 pm in the school library.

Shawn Augustine



ALUMNI INFO NEEDED

St. Xavier School will soon be releasing the 2024 Rams 'n Ewes alumni newsletter. We

are seeking alumni news on reunions, memorials, updates on individuals, etc. If you have any information you wish to share, please email Kristel Jahnke at jahnkek@saintxrams.org.





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.







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 1st, 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:

<u>Susie Deges Scholarship</u> - 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								
13/14 JAN 2024	SATURDAY, 13 JAN 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 14 JAN 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 14 JAN 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 14 JAN 2024 11:00 AM				
Lector	Eric Page	Cindy Lamberty	Delores Vollenweider	Janet Hahn				
Extraordinary Ministers	Susan Kamphaus Diane Ussery Ricardo Gutierrez	Tom Hollis Kellie Boeh Mike Boeh	Jeanie Wolford Brenda Dacus Jane Bauman	Chris Breidenstein Mario Langas Margie Langas				
Gift Bearers	Engstrom Family	Bechard Family	Coffman Family	Moreland Family				
Altar Servers with server assignments	Levi Engstrom - 1 st Henry Engstrom - 2 nd John Engstrom- 3 rd	Lucas Liebau - 1 st Jayden Striggow - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Dana Davis - 1 st Kim Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Grant Slough - 1 st Noah Cruz - 2 nd Ava Cruz - 3 rd				
Musician and Cantor	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD				
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Jodean Tieyah Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Joshua Pittman	Larry Kramer Charlene Ross Karen Eddy Bob Catalo	Paul Rosell Sam Niemczyk Humberto Cruz-Correa Mary Ann Vieyra				
Tithing Counters	Margie Langas, Murlene Jones and Charlene Ross							





www.kaitlynlawphotography.com

- kaitlynlawphotography@gmail.com
- **913-961-1770**

@kaitlawphotography







DAV Thrift Store

1505 N. Washington St. Junction City, Kansas 66441 785-238-1430

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 9 am to 5:30 pm Donation Door Monday-Saturday 9am to 5pm

Knights of Columbus

Meetings 1ST Tuesday Every Month at 7:00 PM



K of C Hall • 126 W. 7th

Support Catholic Education.

Council #1029

Join Online For FREE!

Use OR Code OR Visit: KofC.org/JoinUs



Council #1029



Kay A. Schmidt, CPA Managing Member



Schmidt Accounting LLC

PO Box 1145 625 North Adams Junction City KS 66441

785-307-6415 kschmidt@sacctg.net

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.



Crites Real Estate, Auction & Appraisal Service Inc.

Laurie Crites Broker 785.375.9272

Laurie@critesrealty.com 339 W 6th Junction City KS 66441 Landofozhomes.com

Animal Care Clinic



State of the art care, state of the heart caring. Mark L. Stenstrom, DVM

106 N. Eisenhower Junction City, KS 66441

785-762-5631



785-761-8234

785-761-5127



BOY SCOUTS

YOUNG MEN 11 - 17 YRS **WANTED FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 41** JUNCTION CITY

CONTACT THE SCOUTMASTER TROOP41 IF YOU WANT TO BE A **BOYSCOUT!**

BUILDING MEN SINCE 1910 bsatroop41@cox.net



Jom's MEns WEar

785-238-2024

625 N. Washington Junction City, KS 66441