

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 Jan 2024

*If today you hear His voice, harden not
your hearts.*



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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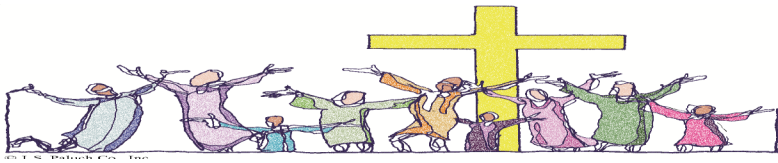
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Welcome to our Parish

"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 28 Jan 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory † Doneva Sparks Pro populo	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Monday 29 Jan 2024		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C Education Comm mtg, 6:00 pm, Bldg C, rm 239
Tuesday 30 Jan 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Richard Merrick Grant Sr and Mary Elizabeth Grant	Adoration 6:00 pm until 1:00 am BB Homecoming Game 6:30 pm, School Gym
Wednesday 31 Jan 2024	1:30 pm	Holy Mass	St. Francis Xavier students, families and staff	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm Rel Ed class, 6:30 pm, Bldg C St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH
	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory	
Thursday 01 Feb 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Clyde William Gardner	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm School Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR
Friday 02 Feb 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Deceased members of Kathryn and Leonard Engstrom family	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 03 Feb 2024	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Sunday Vigil Mass	† Doneva Sparks Special intentions of Larry and Kay Schmidt	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm St. Xavier School Homecoming Dance, 7-10 pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Bishop Vincke will be here on Wednesday to celebrate Mass at 1:30 pm with St. Francis Xavier School for Catholic Schools week. All parishioners are encouraged to participate and support our school.

CLERGY RENEWAL DAYS/MASS AS OFFERING: This past week along with the other priests of the diocese, I participate in our Renewal Days. Our speaker this year was Christopher Carstens. He is the Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for the diocese of LaCrosse, WI.

One of his many focuses during the week was on the Mass as offering/sacrifice. He obviously emphasized the sacrifice of Christ but he stressed that we are to unite ourselves to this offering. As our gathered offerings are presented at the Presentation, we are to place ourselves on the altar, our total self, our complete self. Then, the community the priest with the community prays over the gifts and transforms them as the Bread and Wine is transformed.

Note the prayers we can get used to hearing/praying: "Pray...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." And response: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of the whole Church.** The priest then has the "Prayer over the Offerings" to which all respond "Amen."

Our presenter encouraged us to pray this prayer from St. Ignatius of Loyola before Mass to help us prepare: Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will – all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours: do with it what you will.

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	1,230.00	
Envelopes/loose check/cash	9,257.00	
Children's Tithing	3.00	
Solemnity of Mary	60.00	
Total for 20/21 Jan	\$10,550.00	

Amount needed to meet our Jan 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 *
 Jan Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$38,053.74**
 Balance needed to meet our Jan needs: **\$49,578.76**

Jan 2024 G&D collected to date\$3,246.30

* - 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.

Need 2024 tithing envelopes...see Cindy in the Parish Office!



LENTEN OPPORTUNITY/EUCHARISTIC

REVIVAL: The Church in the US is in the second year of a three-year Eucharist Revival. The focus of the second year is the parish. Accordingly, our parish is offering an opportunity to study and learn more about the Eucharist in gatherings on Monday evenings (7:00 pm) or Tuesday mornings (10:00 am). The presentations offered have been reviewed and judged to be quite good: Scripture based, especially the passages foretelling the Eucharist and its Real Presence – in our lives. Sessions will begin February 5 or 6. While there is a flow, you may miss a gathering and still follow/enjoy/learn. Also, they will be available on-line. If questions, contact Sr. D.J. Rak (785-492-0856) or Fr Kerry.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

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
Mike Obermeyer

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.



Baptized into our Catholic faith Sunday, 14 Jan 2024 was Callyra and Cameron Bautista. Their proud parents are John and Germira Bautista. Callyra's loving Godparent is Justine Montemayor Martin. Cameron's loving Godparent is Mary Ann Amuan.
God bless our little ones always!



St. Xavier Parish mourns the passing of Jerold Frakes on 11 Jan 2024. Jerry's funeral mass was celebrated on 15 Jan with burial at St. Mary Cemetery.

May eternal rest be granted to Jerry, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.





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 for our next meeting February 13th at 7:00 pm in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room followed by Adoration!

Feb 13th - Adoration

Feb 27th - 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.

Statute Schedule:

28 Jan - Tina Lorandau



Respect Life Ministry – “From Womb to Tomb”

Join us in Saint Xavier's Respect Life Ministry
After First Saturday morning Mass POC Tom Hollis 785.717.5896

“The deliberate killing of innocent human beings whether in the womb or elsewhere, is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church” – United States Conference Of Catholic Bishops

To be Catholic is to be Pro-Life



New on FORMED: *The Catholic Parent*

The Catholic Parent encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. It features real parents telling real stories: Sunday Mass, praying as a family, Confession, sacrifice, generosity, and more.

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(FORMED subscription is free when signed up on a

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1/31 - Class

2/7 – Class/Parent Meeting First

Communion

2/10 - Confirmation Retreat

2/14 - Class - Ash Wednesday Mass

2/21 - Class



How is your relationship with God?

Have you had any worthwhile visits with God lately?

Why not try *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*?

We are in need of someone for the 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm slot on Thursday afternoons.

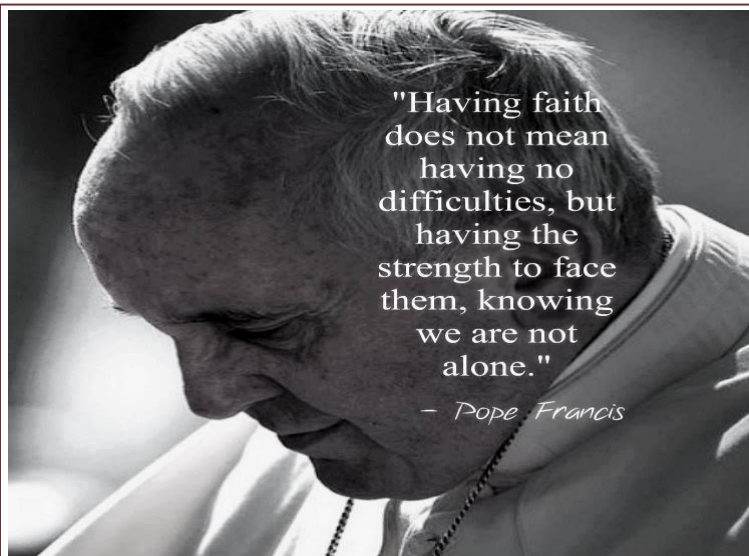
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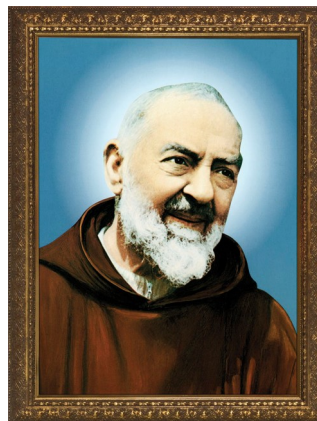


What a great way to step into this Lenten season. If interested, please contact Dahlia Bowen, the Adoration Lead, on the face of the bulletin.

Come any time to Adoration...The Lord is always in and He is waiting for you!



WALK THROUGH THE MASS



Do I come to Mass to receive or to give? What am I doing to prepare my soul for Mass? Reflect on the following quote from St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina: *“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.”*

Prayerfully consider how St. Padre Pio's statement expresses the importance of the Mass. How does this change the way you view the obligation to attend Mass? How can you more completely give yourself to Jesus at each Mass?



Please contact the Parish Office if you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to have Holy Communion brought to their home.

TUESDAY WITH THE DIOCESE

Join adults of the dioceses of Dodge City and Salina to learn more about the Dignity of the Human Person, The Second Vatican Council and the Catholic Social Teaching. Attend all three evenings or just one. Connect using your device.

To sign up, go to dcdiocese.org/af.

Never to late to join! Tuesdays from 6-8 pm.



St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Sunday, 28 Jan 2024

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.



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Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Friday, 02 Feb 2024, is Consecrated Life Day, when we pray for all consecrated vocations in the Church. This day the Church

celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, because the consecrated men and women are to be the light in the world, imitating Jesus, the Light of the World. The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA
JANUARY 27TH
7:00PM-11:00PM

WHO?

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 +

WHAT?

SOCIAL EVENT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE SALINA DIOCESE. DANCING, GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED! CASH BAR/VENMO FOR DRINKS DANCE ATTIRE IS RECOMMENDED

WHERE?

THE SULLIVAN AT UNITED CAPITAL PLAZA
227 N SANTA FE AVE, SALINA, KS 67401



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Rural Life: Tending the Land, Mind & Spirit



Catholic Rural Life Centennial Celebration

Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024



KSU Saint Isidore Catholic Student Center
Newman Hall • 711 Denison Ave • Manhattan, KS 66502

Keynote Speaker:



Catherine DiNuzzo, MA
Catherine is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice who also operates Sacred Heart Mental Wellness, as well as author of the book "The Catholic Guide Through Anxiety."

Featured Guests:

Bishop Gerald Vincke

Bishop of the Salina Diocese, His Excellency Gerald Vincke is the ninth of ten children born to a family on a dairy farm near Saginaw, Michigan.

Mike Beam

Secretary Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Mike Beam was appointed by Governor Laura Kelly in January 2019. Beam came to KDA following 38 years of experience in association management for the Kansas Livestock Association.

Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt

Fr. Gale is the Chaplain for St. Isidore's as well as priest supervisor of Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan and Chaplain of Manhattan Catholic Schools.



This event is **free** to attend! A free will offering will be collected during the event.

- Doors Open at 5:30 PM
- Meal Served at 6:00 PM
- Catholic Rural Life Presentation

RSVP by Thursday, Feb 1 to ensure our capacity to seat all guests for dinner.



Please visit salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life for more information or to register or call Sienna Wingerson at (785) 282-8048.

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Shawn Augustine

Message From The Principal



attend our second auction meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, at 5:30 pm in the school library.



Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

Save the Date

St. Xavier School Auction

April 20th, 2024



Join us on January 30th in the St. Xavier School gymnasium for our homecoming festivities. MS and Boys HS basketball teams will compete against Heritage Christian beginning at 4:30pm. The Royal Court will be recognized at halftime of the HS boy's game followed by the crowning of the 2023-24 homecoming king and queen. Get into the Ram spirit with performances from our cheerleaders and pep band and stop by the concessions to enjoy a soup dinner.

Hope to see you there!



RAMS BASKETBALL

2024 HOME GAME SCHEDULE

ST. XAVIER GYMNASIUM

4 JAN	NE KANSAS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL JV 4:30 pm	6 FEB	SVHE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 4:30 pm *PARENT NIGHT*
22 JAN	SOLOMON MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY 4:30 pm	12 FEB	CHIEF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 4:30 pm *CHEER PERFORMANCE*
23 JAN	HERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ONLY 5:00 pm	16 FEB	PEABODY-BURNS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ONLY 6:00 pm
30 JAN	HERITAGE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 4:30 pm *HOMECOMING*	ADULTS \$5 NON-ST. X STUDENTS \$4	

St. Francis Xavier School

COMPETITION FOR A CAUSE

FOOD DRIVE



Join the students of St. Xavier in a competition to collect non-perishable food items to support the Geary County Food Pantry. Help us reach our goal of 2,035 items!

JANUARY 4- FEBRUARY 2

Donation Drop-Off

- School Office- 200 N. Washington St.
- Monday-Friday from 7:50am-3:50pm

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
03/04 FEB 2024	SATURDAY, 03 FEB 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 04 FEB 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 04 FEB 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 04 FEB 2024 11:00 AM
<i>Lector</i>	John Triplett	Joe Handlos	Boy Scouts	John Lamb
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Ricardo Gutierrez Mike Rhodes Sandy Leistner	Jane Handlos Betsy Liebau Cindy Lamberty	Sierra Jackson Amber Davis Kristy Haden	Deb Breidenstein Pat Gannaway Jason Crawford
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Sr. DJ Rak Diane Ussery	Jacob Beavers Family	Boy Scouts	Douthit Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st John Engstrom - 2 nd - 3 rd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st John Hausauer - 2 nd Liam Simon - 3 rd	Boy Scouts	Landon Berry - 1 st Noah Cruz - 2 nd Ava Cruz - 3 rd
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	Katie Wiley Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Heather Augustine Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine
<i>Ushers</i>	Buz Bruzina Jodean Tieyah Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Richard Striggow Pat Beavers Angela Beavers Josh Pittman	Don Haffner Boy Scouts	Mario Langas Humberto Cruz Correa Sam Niemczyk Mary Ann Vieyra
<i>Tithing Counters</i>	Shirley Allen, Margie Langas, and Murlene Jones			



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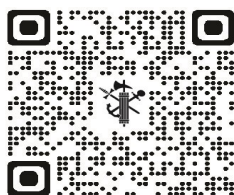
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Blank sets are still available for 2024 and we
can get you assigned an envelop number for
printed ones for next year!

