

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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He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
04 Feb 2024

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

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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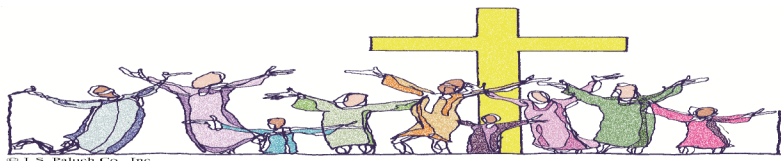
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Welcome to our Parish

"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 04 Feb 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Charles, Sr and Madeline Caspar Pro populo † Kathryn and Leonard Engstrom	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239
Monday 05 Feb 2024		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C
Tuesday 06 Feb 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Mike Henney	Adoration 6:00 pm until 1:00 am Parent Night/8th-12th Recognition, 6:30 pm, gym Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:00 pm, Knights' Hall
Wednesday 07 Feb 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Romaine and Ron Chrisman	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 08 Feb 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Ricky Hahn	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm Circle IV mtg, 7:10 pm, OLPH
Friday 09 Feb 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory	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 10 Feb 2024	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Pat Nicholson	RelEd Confirmation Retreat, 8-3 pm, Bldg C Bingo, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, OLPH Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm Parents Date Night, 4-7 pm, School gym



Scout Sunday is the observance of the significance of religion in Scouting. It is celebrated on the Sunday before February 8, which is the Scouting Anniversary Day. Our Scouts will be celebrating at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, 04 Feb 2024.

Thank you to Pete and Marilyn Paras for all the work they do for the scouts. Pete is the BSA Troop #41 Scoutmaster which is chartered by St. Francis Xavier Parish.

CHRIST'S AVAILABILITY: One of the persons I follow is Heather King. She writes for the Catholic newspaper of the diocese of Los Angeles and has a website. She is a convert and a recovering alcoholic.....and a lawyer become writer. This is a recent post that I like and believe is very good to help us prepare for Lent which is less than 3 weeks away.



"I've been struck lately by the fact that Christ makes himself available to one and all. No need to schedule. No phalanx of receptionists, security guards and gates. No need for a resume, letter of recommendation, sterling employment history, or character reference. There He is, morning, noon and night, in the tabernacle, or exposed--literally, the liturgical rite is called Exposition--in the monstrance.

Anyone can approach. Anyone can touch his wounds. Anyone can spit on him. Anyone can accept, reject, wonder, wrestle, doubt. Anyone can adore."

God Bless us 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	280.00	
Envelopes/loose check/cash	6,651.85	
Children's Tithing	8.00	
Total for 27/28 Jan	\$6,939.85	

Amount needed to meet our Jan 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 *

Jan Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$44,993.59**

Balance needed to meet our Jan needs: **\$42,638.91**

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	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
Marty Potter	Mike Obermeyer	



What do you call a man or woman who stands up in a Catholic church and lends his or her voice to God?

A LECTOR.

If you are looking for a way to help your Parish, think about becoming a Lector. The ministry lead is on the face of the bulletin and waiting for your call! We are in particular need for Lectors for the 9:30 am Mass.

Please prayerfully consider this important ministry.



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.



St. Xavier Parish holds soup suppers on Tuesday evenings after the Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent until 7:00 pm. We invite all parishioners to participate in this parish event.

At the back of the church is a sign up sheet for folks who can bring their soups for all to enjoy. Please leave your name and number on the week or weeks you can help make this a success by bringing a crock pot of soup. Cindy will give you a friendly reminder on Thursdays as the weeks go by. We can also use crackers, bread and desserts if you are so willing.

Please have the soups to Bldg C basement by 5:30 pm on Tuesdays. Please check in with the person there so that they can get the name of the soup. Crock pots will be available to pick up at the close of the event. All empty crock pots will be in the kitchen area on the table. Any crock pots left after Easter will be disposed of.

Please join your parish family in these soup suppers for good soup, good friends and good fellowship!



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 on February 13th at 7:00 pm the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room before Adoration!

Feb 13th - Adoration

Feb 27th - Going into the Gospels

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:

04 Deb - Colleen Henney

11 Feb - Janet Hahn

18 Feb - Anna Davis

25 Feb - Mario and Margie Langas



Prayer in Time of Sickness

O Jesus, You suffered and died
for us;

You understand suffering;

Teach me to understand my
suffering as You do;

To bear it in union with You,
To offer it with you to atone for
my sins,

And to bring Your grace to souls
in need.

Calm my fears; increase my trust.

May I gladly accept Your holy will and
become more like You in trial;

If it is Your will, restore me to health so that I
may work for Your honor and glory, and the
salvation of all.

Amen.



Your son should be a Boy Scout!

5 Compelling Reasons

Should *your* son join Boy Scouts? Scouting has long been hailed as a phenomenal program that turns boys into men and develops skills for a lifetime of success, stretching back over 100 years and holding many successful public figures to its name.

1. Your son gets to live and enjoy the outdoors.

Boy Scout Troop 41 camps out 12 months a year. Boy Scouts are always in the field, and are taught to love and enjoy the wilderness God has given us. Your son will take part in hiking, kayaking, ziplining, swimming and countless other outdoor activities, not sit at home playing computer games.

2. You learn life skills earning merit badges and advancing in rank.

Skills

One of the most unique aspects of Scouting is its orientation towards important skills that you need in real life. Schools don't take you to the outdoors. Boy Scouts is a school of the outdoors.

Leadership

In addition to Scouting's commitment to providing boys with life skills, joining Boy Scouts gives your son opportunities to step up to leadership.

3. Your son is taught morals, values & ethics, thus becoming a better man.

The very essence of Boy Scouting is built upon a code of ethics that is recited at every meeting and complied with at all times. The Scout Oath reminds us of our duty to God, Country, and others first.

4. You make great friends and experiences!

Friends

One of the most compelling reasons why you should join Boy Scouts is to make friends and experiences that you will carry with you for a lifetime. When you join Scouting, we are exposed to people from all walks of life, you learn to live together.

Experiences

With your friends by your side and Scouting's host of activities, you're bound to create long-lasting experiences.

5. Scouting instills patriotism and belief in God.

The foundation in Boy Scouts is that Boy Scouts & Leaders are required to have a Belief in God. Our Troop has been sponsored by St. Xavier Church since 1960. Our Troop started about 1925 and has been building Christian young men since.

Should You Join Boy Scouts?

Join Boy Scout Troop 41

Scoutmaster:

785-210-5568

Bsatroop41@cox.net

Note: Boy Scout Camp for your son will be 09-16 June. Please get him signed up for the best time of his life!



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Thursday

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5 PM - 8 PM

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Prayer for Marriage

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK BEGINS ON
WEDNESDAY, 07 FEBRUARY 2024.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 2/7 – Class/Parent Meeting First Communion
- 2/10 - Confirmation Retreat
- 2/14 - Class - Ash Wednesday Mass
- 2/21 - Class
- 2/28 - Class/Adoration/Reconciliation



How is your relationship with God?

Have you had any worthwhile visits with God lately?

Why not try *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*?

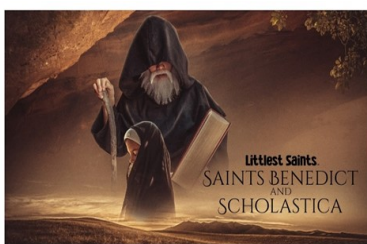
We are in need of someone for the 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm slot on Thursday afternoons.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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!



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and [agnus.org](http://www.agnus.org) peace

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting the '40 Items of Food During the 40 Days of Lent Food Drive'.

The Knights' invite the Parish to join in donating 40 non-perishable food items, or what you can afford.

The Food Pantry is very appreciative of St. Xavier's year round support. We have gone from helping 800 persons a month to over 1,200 people a month!

Here is the **10 Most Wanted Food Items**:
(or any other non-perishable food item):

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cereal | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Tuna | Jelly |
| Canned Chicken | Pancake Mix (Complete) |
| Mac & Cheese Cups | Syrup |
| Spaghetti O's | Ramen Noodles |

Please leave your donation in the containers in the back of the church. If you need a pickup, call John Hagerty at 785-209-1996. *Thank you for your continued support of the Geary County Food Pantry.*

Knights of Columbus
'40 for 40'



Educating for eternity through faith and reason

School Office Hours:
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These are the top reasons why families choose our parish school:

- #1 Class Size
#2 Catholic Religious Identity
#3 School Reputation
#4 Academic Reputation
#5 Location
#6 Catholic Schools Necessary for Religious Formation
#7 Personal Experience

Thank you to our school families, parish, and community for being an integral part of our Catholic school. We are proud of who we are and what we represent and know that we are building a faith community committed to Catholic education. We appreciate all your continued prayers and support.

Shawn Augustine

Message From The Principal



The St. Xavier PTO is hosting a Parents Night Out event on Saturday, February 10th, from 4pm-7pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy an evening out while your kids are entertained! RSVP to the school office by February 7th. For more

information see the event flier on the school website at saintxrams.org or call the school office at 785-238-2841.



The class of 1974 is organizing their 50th reunion. Please contact Mary Field Legeret at mplegeret@gmail.com or visit the St Xavier Class of 1974 Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/>

[groups/632313043472190/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/632313043472190/) for details on the event and to get in touch with class members.

Make it a pizza night!

There will be a Papa John's fundraiser on Wednesday, February 7th. Use the school's promo code KSS010 when you order and a portion of the proceeds will go to the St. Xavier PTO.



The next auction meeting will be held February 7th at 5:30pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.



**Please join St Francis Xavier
Catholic School for an afternoon of**



Date: Saturday, February 10th

Time: 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Place: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room

(Building B meeting room, opens to the parking lot)

**Fundraiser Event for
St Xavier Music
hosted by St Xavier Band**

Cost:

Individual Games \$1

Bundle of 6: \$5

Multi-Bingo Sheet: \$4

Past proceeds have supported
Elementary Music Supplies
Choir and Band Supplies
Band Instrument Upkeep

Concessions available!

All ages welcome!

**Every winner
gets a prize!**

Let the fun continue! Afterwards, drop your kids off at our "Parents Date Night" event from 4:00-7:00 P.M. (RSVP baseley@saintxrams.org in advance by February 7th)



Cheer on the Rams as they compete against Smokey Valley in Bradley Gymnasium on February 6th. Middle School games will begin at 4:30pm followed by High School at 6:30pm. Plan to stop by the concessions for homemade chili, cornbread and cinnamon rolls!



Thank you to our St. Xavier School Choir and the Saint Xavier Children's Choir who provided the music at the 11:00 am Mass last Sunday for kickoff to the Catholic Schools Week.

RAMS BASKETBALL

2024 HOME GAME SCHEDULE

ST. XAVIER GYMNASIUM

4
JAN

NE KANSAS
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL JV
4:30 pm

30
JAN

HERITAGE
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
4:30 pm
**HOMECOMING*

22
JAN

SOLOMON
MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY
4:30 pm

6
FEB

SVHE
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
4:30 pm
PARENT NIGHT

23
JAN

HERINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS JV & V
5:30 pm

16
FEB

PEABODY-BURNS
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS JV & V
6:00 pm
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NON-ST. X STUDENTS \$4

CONCESSION AVAILABLE

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

10/11 FEB 2024	SATURDAY, 10 FEB 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 11 FEB 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 11 FEB 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 11 FEB 2024 11:00 AM
<i>Lector</i>	Ryan Rosauer	Allen Dinkel	Kristina Coffman	Janet Hahn
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Jodean Tieyah Susan Kamphaus Eric Page	Maureen Gustafson Eva Pearson Betsy Striggow	Jane Bauman Brenda Dacus Jeanie Wolford	John Lamb Nanette Lamb Chris Breidenstein
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Engstrom Family	Josh Pittman Family	Veniegas Family	Langas Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	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	Landon Berry - 1 st Grant Slough - 2 nd - 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 George Heard Teddy Tieyah Shar Boland	Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh Neal Patry Louis Rodriguez	Connie Backhus Charlene Ross Bob Catalo Karen Eddy	John Hagerty Josh Lichtensteiger Ray Felix Paul Rosell
<i>Tithing Counters</i>	Shirley Allen, Margie Langas, and Murlene Jones			



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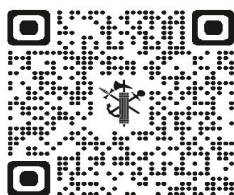
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Tuesdays for following weekend.

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Sign up for bulletins sent directly to your email weekly at
www.saintxparish.org on the home page.

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!

