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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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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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 11 Feb 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo † Logan "Marty" Martin L/D members of the Eckenrode and Hahn families	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239	
Monday 12 Feb 2024		No Mass		<i>Year of Eucharist</i> , 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C	
Tuesday 13 Feb 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Deceased members of Ruth and Junior Cook family	<i>Year of Eucharist</i> , 10:00 am, OLPH Adoration 6:00 pm until 1:00 am	
			Ash Wednesday, 14 I	Feb 2024	
Wednesday 14 Feb 2024	8:30 am 5:00 pm 6:40 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	 † Timothy Slattery Agnes Cecilia Grant and †Richard Merrick Grant, Jr Mike Obermeyer 	Rel Ed class/parent mtg, 6:30 pm, Bldg C St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH	
Thursday 15 Feb 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Major Smith	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm Finance Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR	
Friday 16 Feb 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Ardis Peterson	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH Circle 1 mtg, 2:30 pm, Knights of Columbus hall <i>Stations of the Cross</i> , 2:55 pm	
Saturday 17 Feb 2024	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Mimi Wood Bronson	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm	



RICE BOWLS: Rice Bowls are a wonderful complete way to live out the Lenten tasks of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The idea is to place the Rice Bowl on your dining table and choose one meal per week to eat less. The money saved is placed in Fr. Kerry Ninemire the bowl and a prayer is said for those receiving the gift. We ask that you bring the



bowls with the money to Holy Thursday: on the night we remember Christ washing the feet of his apostles, we wash the feet of the poor with our gifts. One-third of the money remains in the diocese to benefit food banks and two-thirds is given to world-wide Catholic Relief Services.

> God Bless us all! Father Kerry

TITHES & OFFERINGS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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Giving	Dollars	If ever you miss Mass due to weather or out
Online Giving	1,105.05	
Envelopes/loose check/cash	29,477.21*	of town, please feel
Children's Tithing	33.96	comfortable to include the absent week's tithing in the collections the following
Ash Wednesday	50.00	
Good Friday	20.00	
Total for 04/05 Feb	\$30,686.22	week.

Amount needed to meet our Feb 2024 Parish
operating budget (23-24 FY)\$87,632.50 **Feb Tithing/Offering collections to date\$30,686.22Balance needed to meet our Feb needs:\$56,946.28

Feb 2024 G&D collected to date\$3,272.36

* - Amount includes receipt of crop sales donation.
** - This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations.

Thank pou for the privilege of pour generosity and support.



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.



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 Wilma Schoendaller



PRAYER REQUEST

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 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.



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.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

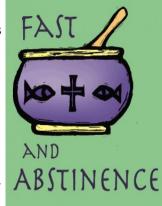
	FASTING	ABSTINENCE
When	Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Who	Ages 18-59	Ages 14 and older

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also



excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

The 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal begins this week. This year the theme is

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God". Please join us in recognizing how we can glorify God and helping others to encounter Christ. You can do this in many ways



through your God-given talents, but also through a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. St. Francis Xavier parish goal for 2024 is \$39,700.00.

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity such as tuition for seminarians, clergy formation, updated programs for parish catechists, diocesan-wide youth retreats, as well as supporting our Catholic Schools. Parish registered families will receive a letter from Bishop Vincke along with a pledge card and information on this year's appeal. We prayerfully ask that you consider how you can support Bishop Vincke, our diocese and our parish family with a gift for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift, regardless of size, will help create opportunities to encounter Christ. For more information or to give, visit *appeal.salinadiocese.org*.



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.

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. What a great way to step into this Lenten season. If interested, please contact Dahlia Bowen, the

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration Lead, on the face of the bulletin. Come any time to Adoration...The Lord is always in and He is waiting for you! Lenten Calendar 2024

Included in the bulletin this week is the St. Xavier Lenten Calendar for this year. All of our Lenten services are on this handy calendar. Post it on your refrigerator for quick



reference! If you would like it sent to you electronically, send an email to Cindy at office@saintxparish.org and we will send one over to you. It is also available on the Parish website.



LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Be sure to pick up your Lenten Rice Bowl at the back of the church. This program allows faith communities throughout the US to put their faith into action through prayer,

fasting and almsgiving. This is provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) which carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

CRS Rice Bowl is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to Catholic Relief Services in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. Make this a family practice this Lent!



The parish soup suppers will again be held on Tuesday evenings during Lent following Mass and the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are invited to

come to the basement of Bldg C to enjoy soup, bread, dessert and fellowship.



SCOUT SUNDAY 2024 Father Kerry with Troop 41 Scouts and Scout Leaders as they celebrated Scout Sunday 2024 on last Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Thank you to St. Francis Xavier for supporting Scouts BSA/ Catholic Scouting!

Lenten Retreat Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul until Pentecost Saturday March 2, 2024 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Fr Reggie Urban Price: \$50 (includes lunch) Where: Heartland Center for Spirituality 3600 Broadway Great Bend Ks.

Join Father Reggie Urban at Heartland Center for a mid-lent day of reflection. We will take a reflective look at the 7 authentic letters of St. Paul, using them as a guide for the rest of Lent as well as the Easter season. Please bring your bible.

To register online visit our website at

www.heartlandspiritulity.org and click on upcoming retreats. To register by phone or email contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org





An offering from the 🐺 AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and 🏟 gradius press

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 foo item):

Cereal Canned Tuna Canned Chicken Mac & Cheese Cups Syrup Spaghetti O's

Peanut Butter Jellv Pancake Mix (Complete)

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.



- 2/10 Confirmation Retreat
- 2/14 Class Ash Wednesday Mass
- 2/21 Class
- 2/28 Class/Adoration/Reconciliation
- 3/06 Class

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:

- 11 Feb Janet Hahn 18 Feb - Anna Davis
- 25 Feb Mario and Margie Langas

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

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby, and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-woman; 34 of its victims are woman: half the babies and all the mothers."



- Saint Mother Teresa

Rural Life: Tending the Land, Mind & Spirit



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Knights of Columbus

'40 for 40'

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, s 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 22 to ensure our capacity to seat all guests for



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













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School Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:50am - 3:50pm

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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/ for details on the event and to get in touch with class members.

Catholic Schools Week wrapped up on Saturday, February 3rd. We enjoyed celebrating our school last week with a variety of activities. St. Francis Xavier School finished off the week with a Eucharistic Procession followed by a school assembly. At the assembly, we announced the top 3 videos created by students on why they love their Catholic school: 1st- Janis C., 2nd- Phann B., and 3rd Crissy S. & Tobias G. We also recognized the overall class winners of the food drive: 3rd grade and sophomores. As a school, we brought in a total of 2,639 items (49 more than last year). Congratulations to the entire student body and staff for all your work!





These items were donated to the Geary County Food Pantry this week. St. Francis Xavier appreciates all your support of Catholic Schools Week and are blessed to be a part of the Junction City community.

Shawn Augustine



The last home basketball game of the season will be held on February 16th at St. Xavier School. Come out to see the HS boys' team compete against Peabody-Burns beginning at 6:00pm, enjoy delicious BBQ beef sandwiches at the

concessions, and don't miss the cheer clinic performance at the halftime of the game. Hope to see you there!

Read about the latest school happenings in the February newsletter! Grab a printed copy from the gathering area of the church or view it online at saintxrams.org.



U.S. Graduation Rates look at national high school graduation rates 9.1% Other Religious 93% 85% Public Schools

Broughman, S.P., Swain, N.L. (2013); Stillwell, R., and Sable, J. (2017)



Congratulations to the 2023-2024 St. Xavier homecoming royalty! Seniors Heston Jahnke and Becky Peterson were crowned king and queen at the recent homecoming basketball games.

Want to view the Catholic Schools Week video contest winners? Visit saintxrams.org and see what students love about their Catholic school.





STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
14 FEB 2024	ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEB 2024 8:30 AM	ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEB 2024 5:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEB 2024 6:40 PM	
Lector	<i>Lector</i> Kathy Triplett Delores Vollenv		John and Nanette Lamb	
Extraordinary Ministers	School	Sierra Jackson Jeanie Wolford Courtney Boehm	Betsy Liebau Sandy Leistner Amber Davis	
Gift Bearers	School	Ushers	Betsy Liebau	
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Janis Curit - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow- 1 st Lyla Liebau - 2 nd Lucas Liebau - 3 rd	
Musician and Cantor	Katie Wiley St. Xavier Choir	Sandi Adams Choir	Anita Hernandez Barbie Campbell	
Ushers	Louis Rodriguez	Don Haffner Jodean Tieyah Teddy Tieyah Josh Boehm	Brandon Bechard	

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT				
17/18 FEB 2024	SATURDAY, 17 FEB 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 18 FEB 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 18 FEB 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 18 FEB 2024 11:00 AM
Lector	Kathy Triplett	Cindy Lamberty	Delores Vollenweider	Margie Langas
Extraordinary Ministers	Mike Rhodes Courtney Boehm Ricardo Gutierrez	Kellie Boeh Mike Boeh Andrew Simon	Sierra Jackson Amber Davis Kristy Haden	Jessie Breidenstein Jason Crawford Pat Gannaway
Gift Bearers	Mirriam Davis Family	Neal Patry Family	Coffman Family	Athorp Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow - 1 st Grayson Bechard - 2 nd Liam Simon - 3 rd	Kim Davis- 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Landon Berry - 1 st Noah Cruz - 2 nd Ava Cruz - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Katie Wiley Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Heather Augustine Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Josh Boehm Jodean Tieyah Teddy Tieyah	Pat Beavers Angela Beavers Ellen Westerhaus AnnMarie Striggow	Larry Kramer Bob Catalo Jeanie Wolford Don Haffner	Mario Langas Paul Rosell Josh Lichtensteiger Humberto Cruz Correa
Tithing Counters	Shirley Allen, Margie Langas, and Murlene Jones			



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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!

