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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 Perpetual Help Room								
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS				
Sunday 18 Feb 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo † Ruth and Junior Cook † Ricky Hahn	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA Rite of Election, 3:00 pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina				
Monday 19 Feb 2024		No Mass		Christian Service Family Life mtg, 6:00 pm, PMR <i>Year of Eucharist</i> , 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C				
Tuesday 20 Feb 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Paul Lee and Anne Kwon	Year of Eucharist, 10:00 am, OLPH Stations of the Cross following Mass then Parish Soup Supper in Bldg C basement (NO CONFESSIONS as Father will lead Stations) Adoration 6:00 pm until 1:00 am				
Wednesday 21 Feb 2024	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory † Doneva Sparks	Rel Ed class, 6:30 pm, Bldg C St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH				
Thursday 22 Feb 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Carl Wesley Davis	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 23 Feb 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Jerry and Celina Vincent	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm				
Saturday 24 Feb 2024	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Paul Lee and Anne Kwon	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm				



LENT: In Lent, as we are all year, we are focusing on the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. However, Lent gives us a concrete or more specific way to live them out: The Gospel for Ash Wednesday sets the path: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
Fr. Kerry Ninemire

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, the priest Pope Francis asked to lead the opening session of the recent Synod, combines both of these in a beautiful way. In prayer, we live are conscious of our duty to love God above all else. In almsgiving, we practice of our neighbor. But the second commandment, he reminds, ends with "....as yourself."

He goes on to say that fasting is a very good way to love yourself. Your doing with less reminds you that you have more control over yourself than you may have thought. By fasting in one area, you gain the strength to "fast from sin" to quote St. Augustine. In the end, I would note that even this is outward focused: my fasting from sin helps me love God and others more.

Finally, what better way than the Rice Bowl: eat less (fasting), give the saved money to others (the Rice Bowl) and then pray for them....to God.

Have a Good Lent! Father Kerry

TITHES & OFFERINGS STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars	Ī
Online Giving	750.00	,
Envelopes/loose check/cash	12,524.31	
Children's Tithing	7.00	
Ash Wednesday	15.00	
Gifts and Memorials	50.00	,
Total for 10/11 Feb	\$13,346.31	

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 Feb 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 * Feb Tithing/Offering collections to date \$44,032.53 Balance needed to meet our Feb needs: \$43,599.97

Feb 2024 G&D collected to date\$4,022.36 * - 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.

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



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:



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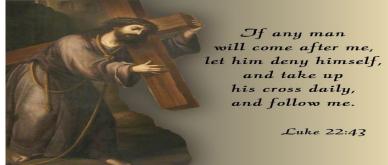
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Prayer for the Sick and Suffering

Lord, we lift up to you those who are sick and suffering. We ask that you would bring them healing and relief from their pain. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will strengthen them in body, mind, and spirit, and that they will be restored to health. Amen





SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The second round of Synod Listening Sessions is underway, in preparation for the second gathering in Rome of the worldwide Synod on Synodality. This time, we are encouraged to zero in more specifically on church organization

and structures. How effectively are they working to help Christians respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and live in Communion with one another? Catholics throughout the East Deanery are encouraged to reflect on the following questions in preparation for the gathering at St. Thomas More Utopia Room on Sunday, March 3, at 2:00 pm. GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- Where have I seen or experienced success and distresses within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/ life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- ♦ How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?



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. When Father is not leading Stations, he will hear confessions.

If you could help with soup for 27 Feb, 19 Mar or 26 Mar...those weeks need your soup! Please! Contact Cindy in Parish Office. 785-238-2998

Next weekend, February 24th and 25th is in-pew weekend for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Pledge cards will be available at all the masses. You can complete the pledge card and return it to the offertory at



any time or give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org. As a reminder, our parish goal for this year is \$39,700. Your gift, regardless of size, helps reach this goal and further the mission of our parish and diocese. Thank you for your support! For more information or to give, visit appeal.salinadiocese.org.



Knight of the Month - Pat Gannaway Family of the Month - *Humberto Cruz-Correa Family*

Knight of the Year - Ray Felix Family of the Year - Pat Beavers Family

- 50/50 pot was won by Eric Coffman. The Progressive Pot had Sam Niemczyk's name pulled and he was present to win!
- Thank you to all of you who supported the KofC Jambalaya feed. We appreciate it and so do the people in our Parish who we help with those funds we raise.
- We have reorganized the 4th Degree and Dan Culbertson is the new Faithful Navigator. Expect to see more information on the other officers, a new schedule for dinner teams, and 4th-degree exemplifications coming up this spring.
- Mark your calendars for the next fundraiser which will be a Fish Fry on Good Friday.
- Ladies of the Parish, Supreme has extended the deadline for women of our Parish to submit two men's names to become Knights and you will be rewarded with \$100. Think about it. Do you have a husband, son, father, brother, nephew, or friend that you think would become a better Catholic by joining the Knights? Get us their names.
- We received thank you's from allowing our Knights to become a warming station during the recent cold spell and from our Seminarian whom we support each month with our prayers and stipend, Cade, McGaffin. He will become a Deacon this summer. He is originally from Hays.

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-





This week we have learned of the passing of John Christopher "Chris" Paxton on Friday, 26 Jan 2024. Many of you will remember Chris as the auctioneer at our St. Xavier School Auction for the past many years. St. Xavier mourns the loss of this big hearted individual who

touched so many lives. For the past 11 years he has been an instructor at Eudora High School. Chris went out of his way to work with his students and make sure they had a place to fit in. He always made them feel important and taught them respect. He started a trap shooting team, the Cardinal Clays, and was qualifying kids at State and National competitions in a very short time. He also had a passion for arm wrestling and started Psycho Arm Sports which won several competitive tournaments. He is greatly missed by his family, his students and everyone who came across Chris in their lives. A celebration of life will be held later this spring.

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



CALLED is a group for young adults (over the age of 18) to WILL YOU ANSWER? 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 27th at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Feb 27th - Going into the Gospels

Starting in March we will move our nights to the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month March 7th - Adoration If you have any questions contact Cayley

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Questions regarding reporting should be directed the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina -785.827. 8746



"God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

1 John 1:5-7

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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 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2/21 - Class/Spanish speaking First Communion Parent Mtg



2/28 - Class/Adoration/Reconciliation

3/06 - Class/Spanish speaking First Communion Parent mtg

3/13 - NO CLASS SPRING BREAK

3/20 - Class/Spanish speaking First Communion Parent mtg

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

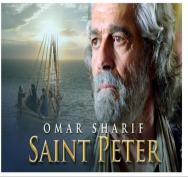
If you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, please contact Colleen Henney at 785-238-2618 to be included.

Statute Schedule:

18 Feb - Anna Davis

25 Feb - Mario and Margie Langas





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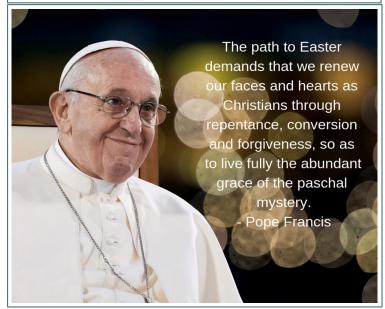
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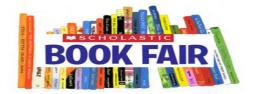
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The class of 1975 will be celebrating their 50th class reunion in 2025. Please reach out to Jean Wolford at

jwolford57.jw@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of the reunion or can help with updating class contact information.



Mark your calendars for the Bring on the Bookjoy scholastic book fair! The event will be held March 3rd-8th in the St. Xavier School library. It will be open during school hours with additional times after Masses on Sunday, March 3rd from 8:30am-12:30pm and during religious education classes on Wednesday, March 6th, from 6pm-8pm. Online shopping will be available March 4th-17th @ www.scholastic.com/bf/ saintxrams. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books for our school library.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School invites you to join us for our annual auction coming up on Saturday, April 20th, from 5:00 pm – 9:00pm in our school gymnasium. This event will feature a catered meal, an open bar, raffles, and the opportunity to bid on silent and live auction items. Proceeds will



go to support our school. Also, we are seeking donations to be auctioned off, including gift cards, new or antique merchandise, and services. To donate items or to help with soliciting businesses, please email Kristel Jahnke at jahnkek@saintxrams.org, or call the school office at 785-238-2841. We appreciate and rely on the support of our alumni, parents, parishioners, individuals, and businesses in the community to make this event a success. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation by mail or in the school office, your generosity would be welcomed. Thank you for your support of our parish school.

Shawn Augustine





Congratulations to our teacher of the month, Mrs. Breidenstein! Parents and colleagues shared that Mrs.

Breidenstein is passionate about teaching, gets her students excited about subject matter, and creates a learning environment filled with positive reinforcement that fosters confidence and success in her students. In addition to her teaching duties, she is also on a variety of committees and willing to help out wherever she can. Way to go, Mrs. Breidenstein!

Our middle school student of the month is 7th grader Savannah Englert (not pictured)! Teachers say Savannah is a caring person who works well with others. She also puts forth great effort in class and when faced with adversity, she does her best to overcome it. Savannah enjoys being a part of choir and band as well as participating in athletics. Keep up the good work, Savannah!

Junior Miguel Weber is our high school student of the month. Miguel was nominated by teachers because he does a fantastic job in the classroom by excelling academically, participating in class, and helping others. He also sets a great example for other students through his involvement in activities such as scholars bowl, chess club, forensics, and FBLA. In addition, Miguel volunteers often to lead prayer at ballgames and helps out in the concession stand. Nice job Miguel!



Come out for an evening of food and fun at the St. Xavier Presentations and Pasta event on Thursday, February 29th from 5-7pm. Visit the classrooms to see student presentations and displays and enjoy a spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria complete with meatballs, breadsticks, side salad, and drink. To go boxes will be available. Hope to see you there!



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week On video for the Restore Lent series, St. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert She explains that Jesus is minting you to move beyond your confort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-harted in your life. St. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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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 22 to ensure our capacity to seat all guests for dinner.



Please visit
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for more information or to register
or call Sienna Wingerson at
(785) 282-8048.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT								
24/25 FEB 2024	SATURDAÝ, 24 FEB 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 25 FEB 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 25 FEB 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 25 FEB 2024 11:00 AM				
Lector	Susan Kamphaus	Pat Beavers	Ray Felix	Ricardo Vieyra				
Extraordinary Ministers	Sandy Leistner Eric Page Courtney Boehm	Tom Hollis Betsy Liebau Eva Pearson	Jeanie Wolford Brenda Dacus Jane Bauman	Mario Langas Margie Langas Rachelle Crawford				
Gift Bearers	Boehm Family	Effland Family	Jacob Davis Family	DeLa Cruz Family				
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Nolan Effland - 1 st Ian Effland - 2 nd Sheldon Effland - 3 rd	Kim Davis- 1 st Dana Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Landon Berry - 1 st Grant Slough - 2 nd - 3 rd				
Musician and Cantor	Katie Wiley Barbie Campbell	Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams Katie Wiley				
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Josh Boehm George Heard Shar Boland	Jane Handlos Joe Handlos Cindy Lamberty Ellen Westerhaus	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Connie Backhus Charlene Ross	John Hagerty Sam Niemczyk Mary Ann Vieyra				
Tithing Counters	Shirley Allen, Margie Langas, and Murlene Jones							





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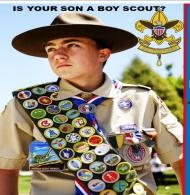
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