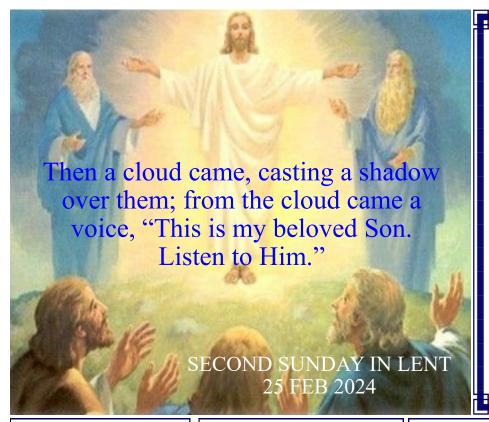
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HOLY MASS

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	LITUR G Y TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS			
Sunday 25 Feb 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Pat Nicholson Pro populo † Jerry and Celina Vincent	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA Rite of Election, 3:00 pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina			
Monday 26 Feb 2024		No Mass		Parish Council mtg, 5:45pm, PMR Year of Eucharist, 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C			
Tuesday 27 Feb 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Ricky Hahn	Year of Eucharist, 10:00 am, OLPH Stations of the Cross following Mass then Parish Soup Supper in Bldg C basement (Confessions will be during the Stations) Adoration 6:00 pm until 1:00 am			
Wednesday 28 Feb 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Loyce Obermeyer	PTO mtg, 5:30 pm, School Cafeteria Auction mtg, 6:00 pm, School Library Rel Ed class, 6:30 pm, Bldg C St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH			
Thursday 29 Feb 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Josella Gorrell	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm Presentation and Pasta Night, 5:00 pm, Cafeteria			
Friday 01 Mar 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 Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm			
Saturday 02 Mar 2024	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Sunday Vigil Mass	† Hilde Folwell †Ryan Tepley	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm			









The Poinsettia Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, 05 Mar 2024 at the 5:30 pm Mass. Following Mass is Confession and Stations of the Cross and then the Soup Supper. *All are welcome!*

SCRUTINIES: Not a word we hear every day in our culture! In the liturgy, this word refers to the rites that the Catechumens (those preparing to be baptized at Easter) will undergo during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of Lent.

Lent is a time of a more intense spiritual preparation for the catechumens and candidates (those baptized in another faith tradition and joining us at Easter through the



sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist). Through them, it is a more intense time for all of us. Interestingly, the church's liturgy encourages not to focus so much on beliefs and teachings "but more a time of a deeper knowledge of Christ."

During one of the weekend Masses (probably the 11:00), the catechumens and candidates will come before the assembly and ask us to pray over them as they enter this deep time of self-searching and repentance. They will strive (and we with them) to "heal all that is weak, defective or sinful...."

After this, they "are to be dismissed" to reflect on all they have heard and undergone. As they are not able to participate in Holy Communion, they are to go forth to "feed on the table of the Word as we feed on the Lord in the Eucharist."

TITHES & OFFERINGS STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars	
Online Giving	1,260.00	,
Envelopes/loose check/cash	7,220.93	
Children's Tithing	64.50	
Ash Wednesday	3,236.15	
Gifts and Memorials	100.00	(
Total for 17/18 Feb	\$11,881.58	

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 \$42,567.80 Balance needed to meet our Feb needs: \$42,064.70

Feb 2024 G&D collected to date\$3,412.36

* - 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:



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

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Prayer for Strength and Healing

Lord, we pray for those who are sick and in need of healing. We ask that you would give them the strength to endure their illness, and that you would bring them healing and restoration. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will grant them peace and rest, and that they will be restored to full 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

This weekend is in-pew weekend for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For those of you who have already supported this year's appeal - thank you! If you have not yet given to the appeal but would like to, you can return your pledge card at



any time in the offertory; mail it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402; or give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org. Through your gift, we can continue to support the mission of our diocese and ensure that members of our parish and diocese continue to encounter Christ.



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

- ♦ Efran and Josefina Dzib Ramirez and their three children, Fernando, Genessis and Ryan
- Erika Monteith
- Gregorio and Gloria Resendiz Zarate and their two children, Luis and Sofia
- ♦ Vincent and Elena Viloria and their two children, Vivien and Elvin

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!

Respect Life Ministry — "From Womb to Tomb" Join us in Saint Xavier's Respect Life Ministry Tom Hollis 785.717.5896

"The Bible makes it clear that God sees the unborn infant not as a piece of superfluous biological tissue, but as a person created by Him for life." — Billy Graham





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.





Listening Session:

Church Leadership & Organization

Sunday, March 3 | 2:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More | Utopia Room 2900 Kimball Ave Manhattan, KS 66502

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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.

'40 for 40'

Knights of Columbus

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.

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





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OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our parish is very blessed to have 10 people, 6 Catechumens (unbaptized) and 4 (baptized in a non-Catholic church) who will be entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. On February 17 we celebrated the Rite of Sending for them at the Saturday evening Mass. Our parish acknowledged their spiritual progress and gave our blessings as they, their godparents and sponsors were sent off to the Rite of Election the next day at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. There they joined the other Catechumens and Candidates from the eastern half of the

diocese as Bishop Vincke acknowledged and approved their decision by recognizing them as "the elect."



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2/28 - Class/Adoration/Reconciliation

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



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



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:

25 Feb - Mario and Margie Langas



Religious



Serving God and the dear neighbor from our home in Concordia, Kansas

Join the Sisters of Manna House of Prayer as they present a six week Lenten Series via Zoom.

Date and time: Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7-30 pm February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 and 27

Cost: \$15.00/ session or \$75.00 for all six sessions

For more detailed information go to mannahouse.org or call 785-

243-4428.





Please pray for:

Catechumens – Paige Bowser, Paul Matheny, MaryAnn Scheibe,
 Taylor -Saporito-Szimandel, Arien Mangefel, Amiya Torres
 Candidates – Alex Hall, Katrina Lewis, Scott Peterson, Aaron
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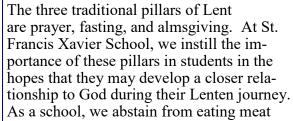
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not only during Lent but every Friday, we encourage students to give of themselves and help those in need, and we gather together in prayer to commemorate Jesus's passion and death. We invite you to join St. Xavier School for student-led stations of the cross on February 23rd, March 15th, and March 22nd and join us on our Lenten journey.

Shawn Augustine



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.



Students helped to load and deliver nonperishable food items collected during the Competition for a Cause food drive. The donations helped the Geary County Food Pantry provide food to 1,345 people in our community.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Activities Committee will host a spaghetti dinner in the school cafeteria on February 29th. The meal will include spaghetti, meatballs, side salad, breadstick, and a drink for a suggested donation of \$8 per person. Carry out boxes will be available. The fundraiser is part of the Presentations and Pasta event that will take place from 5:00pm-7:00pm.



A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

— Pope Benedict XIA -



The annual St. Xavier School Auction is being planned for Saturday, April 20th, from 5:00pm-9:00pm in the school gymnasium. The Kentucky Derby themed event will feature a catered meal, an open bar, raffles, and the opportunity to bid on silent and live auction items. Plan to join us for an

evening of entertainment to support our parish school!



Auction Nonations Needed St. Francis Xavier School is seeking donations for

St. Francis Xavier School is seeking donations for the annual auction on April 20th including gift cards, new or antique merchandise, and services.

We appreciate and rely on the support of our alumni, parents, parishioners, individuals, and businesses in the community to make this event a success. Lets work together to support Catholic education! To donate items please email Kristel Jahnke at jahnkek@saintxrams.org or call the school office at 785-238-2841.

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 sa 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



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

-Event Sponsors-







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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT									
02/03 MAR 2024	SATURDAY, 02 MAR 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 03 MAR 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 03 MAR 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 03 MAR 2024 11:00 AM					
Lector	Eric Page	Mary Effland	Knights of Columbus	Nanette Lamb					
Extraordinary Ministers	Ricardo Gutierrez Diane Ussery Courtney Boehm	Mike Boeh Kelli Boeh Cindy Lamberty	Knights of Columbus	Deb Breidenstein Jessica Breidenstein John Lam					
Gift Bearers	Mirriam Davis Family	Bechard Family	Knights of Columbus	Frankie Holton					
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Lyla Liebau - 1 st Lucas Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Kim Davis- 1 st Ivan Abalo - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Landon Berry - 1 st Noah Cruz - 2 nd Ava Cruz - 3 rd					
Musician and Cantor	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell	Diane Heerman	Heather Augustine Knights	Heather and Shawn Augustine					
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Josh Boehm Teddy and Jodean Tieyah	Pat and Angela Beavers Louis Rodriguez Ellen Westerhaus	Don Haffner Knights of Columbus	Paul Rosell Mary Ann Vieyra Humberto Cruz Correa Inga Klusa Curit					
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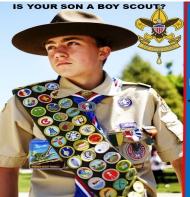
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