

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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Third Sunday of Lent
03 Mar 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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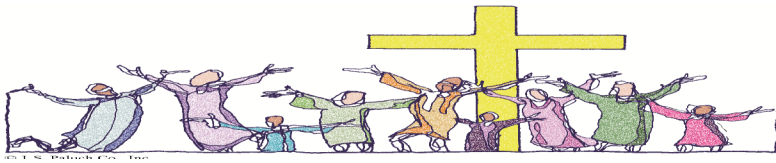
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Welcome to our Parish

"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."
-St. Francis Xavier

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room
† - Deceased

DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday 03 Mar 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Doneva Sparks Pro populo † L/D members of Hahn and Eckenrode families	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C Synod Listening Session, 2:00 pm, St. Thomas More, Utopia Room
Monday 04 Mar 2024		No Mass		Year of Eucharist , 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C
Tuesday 05 Mar 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Poinsettia Memorial Mass	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 Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, KofC Hall
Wednesday 06 Mar 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Marina and Auguster Davis	St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH
Thursday 07 Mar 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Paul Lee and Anne Kwon	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm CALLED, 7:00 pm, OLPH
Friday 08 Mar 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Jim Westerhaus	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 09 Mar 2024	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Deceased members of Kathryn and Leonard Engstrom family	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm

The Kiss of Peace By Father Frank Coady

In liturgy, we greet Christ with a kiss: not with the kiss of Judas, who betrayed him, but with the kiss of love for the most precious gift of the Father. The priest kisses the altar because it is Christ. The priest or deacon kisses the Gospel book because it is Christ. We kiss each other because we are Christ's body. It is a bit of a stretch for us Americans but, in Europe, where this began, people kiss each other on each cheek as a way of affectionate greeting. Here, our custom is shaking hands, so the U.S. Bishops asked for an indult to allow that liturgical practice.

Let us be mindful that this is a sacred greeting. We are not offering each other a "hello" or "How about those Chiefs!" We are offering each other the peace of Christ himself. It is one member of the body of Christ offering the peace of Christ to another member of his body. Here, we get lost in the body. It is not our own peace we are offering.

This is not a time to wave to someone across the room or shout to someone across the aisle. It should be done only to those immediately around you. It should be done quietly and reverently because you are reverencing the Christ that you recognize in those other persons.

In this way, the Kiss of Peace will not be a disruption in the flow of the Mass but, rather, a profoundly logical part of the Communion Rite, which begins with the Our Father and ends with the Post-Communion prayer. We anticipate our communion with Christ the Head and his body before we actually consume him, just as Holy Communion anticipates the Heavenly Banquet before it actually arrives in its fullness. In lieu of shaking hands, during this cold and flu season, profound bow (from the waist) is always appropriate in the liturgy. We bow to all things Christ: the altar and each other. When greeting someone from a distance, a bow is more appropriate than a wave of the hand or a peace sign.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK
Fr. Kerry Ninemire

TITHES & OFFERINGS

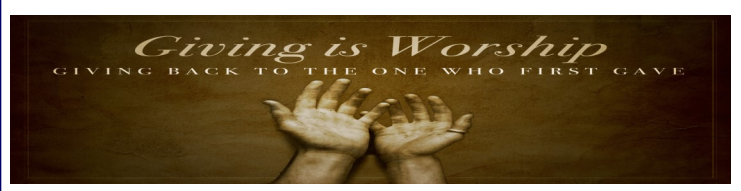
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars	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	TBD*	
Envelopes/loose check/cash	8,619.35	
Children's Tithing	3.00	
Ash Wednesday	20.00	
Total for 17/18 Feb	\$8,642.35	

Amount needed to meet our Feb 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 **
 Feb Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$39,328.57**
 Balance needed to meet our Feb needs: **\$48,303.93**

Feb 2024 G&D collected to date\$3,492.36
 * - Amount to be included next week.
 ** - 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:

PRAYER REQUEST

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| 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 | |
| Wilma Schoendaller | | |

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.

Parish Lenten Penance Service

17 Mar 2024 at 3:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!!
MAKE THE TIME!!!

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The second round of Synod Listening Sessions is underway, in preparation for the second gathering in Rome of the world-wide 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?

LITURGICAL SPACE PRESENTATION

The Bishop has directed that our present altar be lowered for safety purposes and more fitting to the modern liturgy. For more understanding, all are invited to a presentation by Fr. Frank Coady on Sunday, March 17, at 2:00 pm. He will speak about liturgical space in general, a focus on the new altar and general thoughts on Lenten Paschal Mystery. This would be very good for all our liturgical ministers, i.e., ushers, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers.

Respect Life Ministry – “From Womb to Tomb”
Join us in Saint Xavier’s Respect Life Ministry
Tom Hollis 785.717.5896

*“You are called to stand up for life!
To respect and defend the mystery
of life always and everywhere,
including the lives of unborn
babies. You are called to work and
pray against abortion.”*

– Saint Pope John Paul II



Trip to France
Join the Sisters of St. Joseph (Concordia, KS), friends, family, former students, parish friends and alumni from Marymount College on a 12-day journey to France, September 20 – October 1, 2024! We are bringing together

those that have a special place in their heart for Marymount and the Sisters. We’ll be visiting beautiful French cities, along with LePuy, where the Sisters of St. Joseph began their spiritual journey.

Visit www.pentecosttours.com (tour #40920) or visit the Marymount College of Kansas Alumni page on Facebook.



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 19 Mar or 26 Mar...those weeks need your soup! Contact Cindy in Parish Office.

*Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS*



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of SALINA

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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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?

You're invited...

Please join St. Francis Xavier parishioners and the Junction City community for a free luncheon on Saturday, March 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Luncheon will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 126 W. 7th Street, Junction City KS.

You can help with this function by:

1. Donating! Signup sheets will be in the back of the Church on the week-ends of March 2nd and 9th. Non-perishable items can be dropped off any time at boxes at the sign up table. Items can also be dropped off at the Knights Hall the day of the function.

2. Praying for the event.

3. Joining us to have lunch and welcome others who come out to join in.

Please prayerfully consider any or all three of these ways to reach out and help during this Lenten season.

Free Community Luncheon

Saturday, March 16 from 11 AM - 1 PM
at the Knights of Columbus Hall
126 West 7th Street,
Junction City



Manna House of Prayer

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.

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 March 07 at 7:00 pm at the OLPH room!

March 7th - Adoration

March 21 - Diving into the Gospels

If you have any questions contact Cayley at 785-307-4164.



Eucharistic Revival Series

Good news!

Good news!

Good news!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

If you missed one or any of the 1st to 4th sessions you are **NOT** too late to hear the Eucharist focus sessions 5 to 7. Come join your fellow parishioners for 1-1/2 hour session on Monday evenings at 7:00pm or repeated on Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the OLPH. You will be informed, amazed and inspired! If you are not able to attend in person you can view the entire video series at your convenience online at:

1. Formed - search "Jesus in the Eucharist"
2. Catholic Diocese of Salina - Eucharistic Revival

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3/06 - Class/Spanish speaking First

Communion Parent mtg

3/13 - NO CLASS SPRING BREAK

3/20 - Class/Spanish speaking First Communion

Parent mtg

3/27 - Class/1st Communion Retreat



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

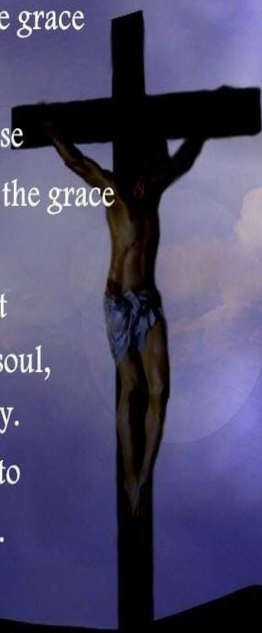
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

SAVE THE DATE!

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way from four different routes with pilgrims walking for 60 days. Each of these flames carried along the way of their route will come together at the National Eucharistic Congress at Indianapolis, IN in July 2024 to blaze together.

We can participate by joining the pilgrims for a 2 mile Eucharistic Procession from St. Michael's to St. Cecilia's in Hastings, NE. St. Cecilia is scheduled as a stop on the National Eucharist Revival Pilgrimage on Tuesday, 18 Jun 2024. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30 with Adoration at St. Michael's for 30 minutes, then walk to St. Cecilia's through Hastings for Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00.

Overview of routes, events and registration can be found at the following:

<https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/serra/serra-route-diocese-of-lincoln-5a2PDn1pa8Z/overview>



St. Michael's Catholic Church, 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings NE
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The school year is flying by. It is hard to believe that we are less than a week from spring break, and soon we will be enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Mark your calendars that open enrollment for PreK-12 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School will begin on Monday, March 18th. Registration packets will be available on the school website at saintxrams.org, or they can be picked up in the school office Monday-Friday from 7:50 am to 3:50 pm. I look forward to having our returning families, and I would like to personally invite new families to visit our campus, come to know the sense of community, and consider the exceptional educational program that we offer. For more information, please email Principal Shawn Augustine at principal@saintxrams.org or call the school office at 785-238-2841. We look forward to serving your family's educational needs.

Shawn Augustine

Message From The Principal



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.

Join the students of St. Xavier for their spring program coming up on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!



Auction Donations Needed

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

TIMES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8
8:30am-1pm	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm 6-8pm	8:30am-8pm	8am-4pm

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Countdown to Spring Break

Free Community Luncheon

Saturday, March 16 from **11 AM - 1 PM**
at the Knights of Columbus Hall
126 West 7th Street,
Junction City



All Are Welcome
Come and join us for a delicious lunch.
Hope to see you there.

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Parish

Save the Date

St. Xavier School Auction

April 20th, 2024



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:

03 Mar - Janet Hahn
10 Mar - Tina Lorandeau
17 Mar - Sr. DJ and Diane Ussery
24 Mar - Virlyn and Michelle Carter
31 Mar - Mario and Margie Langas



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

09/10 MAR 2024	SATURDAY, 09 MAR 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 10 MAR 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 10 MAR 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 10 MAR 2024 11:00 AM
<i>Lector</i>	Ryan Rosauer	Pat Beavers	Ray Felix	John Lamb
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Mike Rhodes Eric Page Susan Kamphaus	Andrew Simon Eva Pearson Cathy Striggow	Jeanie Wolford Amber Davis Jane Bauman	Deb Breidenstein Chris Breidenstein Rachelle Crawford
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Diane Ussery	Effland Family	Veniegas Family	Moreland Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Ian Effland - 1 st Noland Effland - 2 nd Sheldon Effland - 3 rd	Kim Davis- 1 st Ivon Abalo - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Janis Curit - 1 st Grant Slough - 2 nd Bernards Curit - 3 rd
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	Katie Wiley Youth Choir	Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell
<i>Ushers</i>	Buz Bruzina Shar Boland George Heard Josh Boehm	Louis Rodriguez Neal Patry Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh	Connie Backhus Larry Kramer Karen Eddy Charlene Ross	Ray Felix Sam Niemczyk Paul Rosell Inga Klusa Curit
<i>Tithing Counters</i>	Shirley Allen, Margie Langas, and Murlene Jones			



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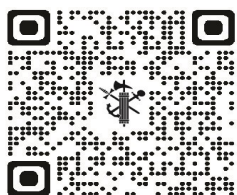
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TITHING ENVELOPES

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!

