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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unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat;

John 12:24

Fifth Sunday of Lent 17 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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Welcome to our Parish

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

CALENDAR PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR †-Deceased Perpetual Help Room							
DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS			
Sunday 17 Mar 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	 † Charles Braddy † Francis Begnoche Pro populo 	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 OCIA, 1:00 pm, Bldg C <i>Liturgical Space Discussion, 2:00 pm, Church</i> <i>Parish Penance Service, 3:00 pm</i>			
Monday 18 Mar 2024		No Mass		School Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR <i>Year of Eucharist</i> , 7:00 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Boy Scout mtg, Bldg C			
Tuesday 19 Mar 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Kathryn and Leonard Engstrom	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 20 Mar 2024	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mass at Valleyview Holy Mass	Mike Obermeyer †Charles and Isabelle Fiffe	St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, OLPH Religious Education Class, 6:30pm, Bldg C			
Thursday 21 Mar 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Ruth and Junior Cook family	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm Finance Council mtg, 5:30 pm, PMR CALLED, 7:00 pm, PLPH			
Friday 22 Mar 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Jane Roberts	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, following Mass until 2:00 pm Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, OLPH <i>Stations of the Cross</i> , 2:55 pm			
Saturday 23 Mar 2024	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass	† Larry Nguyen	Confession, 4:00-5:00 pm			

PALM SUNDAY, 24 Mar 2024.

There will be only two Masses on Sunday. One at 8:30 am and one at 10:30 am. We will begin Mass in the St. Francis Xavier School gym with the blessing of the palms and Readings. We will process over to the church to continue with the Mass.



Thoughts on Lent: As you know from this past week, I took a few days off this past week. I needed to do that and I coordinated with a priest friend from another diocese. We both find it difficult to coordinate a time, but, unfortunately, spring break provided a time for us. I say "unfortunately", because it is during Lent.

cese. FROM THE **PASTOR'S DESK** wid- Fr. Kerry Ninemire

Which leads me to observe that since "spring break" started some years ago, it has always been an interruption during Lent. But that only means we can be like the 3rd, 7th or 9th Station of the Cross. We can back up and give these last two weeks of Lent a real emphasis. Then, our Holy Week culminating in Easter will be very special.

One way to do this is take the practice encouraged with Rice Bowls very seriously. Let us for sure eat a little less at some meals (fasting), place the money saved in the Rice Bowl to benefit the poor (almsgiving), and then pray for those who benefit (prayer).

Again, we will bring them forward in procession on Holy Thursday. As Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles, we will "wash the feet of the poor."

Mass for Anointing of the Sick: We invite persons who are experiencing some real limitations due to health, persons who are nearing an operation or persons who are having to accept a disability to attend Mass on Wednesday evening, March 20, at 5:30 pm. At this Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick. This includes laying on of the hands and anointing.

TITHES 8 OFFERING

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving	Dollars
Online Giving	285.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	12,391.00
Children's Tithing	1.00
Total for 09/10 Mar	\$12,677.00

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 Mar 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 ** Mar Tithing/Offering collections to date \$28,589.13 Balance needed to meet our Mar needs: \$59.043.37

Mar 2024 G&D collected to date\$4,117.51

** - This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations.

Chank you for the privilege of your generosity and support. Need 2024 tithing envelopes...see Cindy in the **Parish Office!**





Saint Xavier parishioners mourn the loss of Rebecca Lorene Brough. Becca passed away on 03 Mar 2024. Her funeral Mass was held on Saturday, 09 Mar 2024. Burial will follow later in Ellinwood KS.

The parishioners of St. Xavier Catholic Church also mourn the loss of John Anthony Grant. John passed away on 24 Feb 2024. His funeral Mass was held on Monday, 11 Mar 2024 with burial at St. Mary Cemetery following Mass.

> Eternal rest grant unto Becca and John, O Lord And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:



Steve Matthews **Benjamin Grelk** Elizabeth Bunce Wilma Schoendaller Cooper Holloway Jude Fairchild Manny Pasquil Ryleigh Joos Sandy Dietrich Pat Weber

Jami Ann Bird Elizabeth Clark Mary Bolette Ralph Schmedemann Julie Taylor Judy Rosa Shirley Oaks James DeCarlo Karen Morris Marissa Graham

Bruce Piava Rachel Moore Mary Baker

PeggyWawrzyniak Mike Obermeyer Marty Perta John Cooner Marty Potter



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!!!



Please return your filled Rice Bowls at the Holy Thursday Mass on 27 March.

LENTEN

PENANCE

SERVICE

The filling of the Rice Bowls is a gift of almsgiving for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need.

If you want to make a monetary contribution, please mark the outside of the envelope "CRS - Rice Bowl" so it can be sent to the Catholic Relief Society.

NEW ALTAR LITURIGAL 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

"The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is a war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems." - Saint Mother Teresa





The parish soup suppers 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.



The Entombment by the Maitre de Chaource



ATHOLIC DIOCESE SALIN ot

All Invited: Corey Lyon, our chancellor, wrote the following explanation and invitation to attend the Chrism Mass on March 21 at 11:30 am at the Cathedral.

As we approach the solemn celebration of the Chrism Mass, I write to you to emphasize the significance of this sacred liturgy and to extend a heartfelt invitation for your participation.

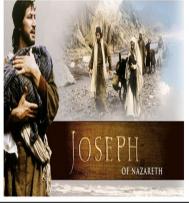
1. The Chrism Mass is a special occasion where the bishop, together with his priests, renews the priestly promises made on the day of Ordination. This act holds great value as it allows priests to reaffirm their fidelity to Christ, who has chosen them as His ministers. Through this renewal, priests strengthen their commitment to serving the Christian community and living out their vocation with zeal and dedication.

2. During the Chrism Mass, the oils used in various sacraments are blessed and consecrated. The oil of the sick and the oil of the catechumens, along with the sacred Chrism, are symbols of the fullness of Christ's Priesthood and the unity of the Church. These blessed oils play a vital role in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination.

3. The Chrism Mass is a preparation for the celebration of the Easter Triduum. It serves as a moment of spiritual renewal and unity for the clergy and the faithful, highlighting the importance of the priesthood and the sacraments in our journey of faith.

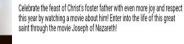
Therefore, I invite you to join Bishop Vincke at the Chrism Mass, where he will bless the oils and our priests will renew their commitment to Christ and His Church. Your presence and participation in this liturgy will not only enrich your own spiritual life but also contribute to the communal prayer and unity of our diocesan family. While an RSVP is not required, it is appreciated so that we can best prepare for the light luncheon to follow the Mass. You may RSVP by phone (785)827-8746 or by using this link https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/ChrismMass

Lent: I hope your Lenten season is going well as we continue to 'fall' and get back up again over and over. Saints & Solemnities: Many of you look forward to celebrating your Irish heritage with the Feast of St. Patrick on March 17...no dispensations necessary this year as the it falls on a Sunday! We can also look forward to reprieve from Lent to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19. Holy Week: Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. This is because Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christ was born. Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This period is referred to as the *Easter Triduum*. The Latin word *triduum*, literally means three-days, coming from *tres* ("three") + *dies* ("day").



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ



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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 21 at 7:00 pm at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room!

> March 21 - Diving into the Gospels April 4th - Adoration If you have any questions contact Cayley at 785-307-4164.



Good news!

If you missed one or any of the 1st to 5th sessions you are NOT too late to hear the Eucharist focus sessions 6 and 7. Come join your fellow parishioners for 1-1/2hour 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

I asked Jesus. "How much do You love me?' "This Much," He answered. Then He stretched out his arms and died.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 3/20 Class/Spanish speaking First **Communion Parent mtg**
- 3/27 Class/1st Communion Retreat
- 4/3 Class/Confirmation Rehearsal
- 4/10 Confirmation Celebration at 5:30 pm/NO CLASS



Come MEET OUR SALINA SEMINARIANS at a potluck on Friday, April 5th, at 6:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall of Bishops in Salina. The event is free and families are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Table service, drinks and dessert will be provided. Following the potluck, there will be an hour of Adoration in the Cathedral to pray for our three seminarians who will be ordained as transitional deacons on April 6th at 10:00 am also at the Cathedral. We hope to see you at all three events! For more information, please call or text 785-819-3033.





Knight of the Month: Randy Testa Family of the Month: **Dan Culbertson Family**

- 50/50 pot was won by Steve Ricker
- Progressive Pot had David Peschon's name pulled but he was not present to win.
- Mark your calendars:
 - The annual KofC Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 29. More info coming soon.
 - KofC annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Coronado Park on South Washington on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am SHARP!
- In the recent Jesus Baby Shower, your kind donations raised \$834.00 worth of clothes, diapers, wipte, etc. These will be donated to the Pregnancy Center here in town. This will be helped with a donation from KofC Supreme as well.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL Educating for eternity through faith and reason

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

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SCHOOL STAFF Principal Shawn Augustine principal@saintxrams.org School Business Administrator Carol Tomson business-admin@saintxrams.org Office Administrative Assistant Kelly Palmer office@saintxrams.org School Council President Elizabeth Hausauer ethausauer@yahoo.com PTO President Courtney Boehm courtneyd.boehm@gmail.com	for 3 and 4 -year- old students. Enrollment packets can be picked up at the school office M-F from 7:50 am-3:50 pm or can be printed from our school website at saintxrams.org. Enroll early to save on registration fees. Help us promote St. Xavier School by spread ing the word about open enrollment and encouraging families to come check us out. Contact the school at 785-238-2841 for additional infor- mation. Shawn Augustine
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Delicious desserts are needed to serve at the auction dinner on April 20th. Any donations are welcome, but a few suggestions include cupcakes, cookies, and pies. Dessert items can be

dropped off Friday, 19 Apr 24, after 4pm through Saturday, 20 Apr 24, before 4pm. Please deliver items to the Building B gym entrance (in the main parking lot). Help is also needed with dessert prep and clean up on the night of the event. If you are willing to donate desserts or volunteer, please contact Jaime Richling: 785-238-3240 or jaimewahle@gmail.com. Thank you!





Check Your Mail! The St. Xavier School Auction invites have been sent out! The mailings include details on the event, ticket and seating forms, donation forms, raffle tickets, and information on this year's itemless item. If you did not



receive your invite please contact the school office at 785-238-2841 to update your mailing information.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who purchased items at the book fair. With your support \$2100 Scholastic Dollars were earned to buy books and supplies for the St. Xavier School library!

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Weren't able to join us? The online portion of the book fair continues through March 17th. Order online at www.scholastic.com/bf/saintxrams



Palm Sunday, 23-24 Mar: Masses at 5:15 pm on Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 am on Sunday

HOLY WEEK: Holy Thursday - Mass at 5:30; Adoration until 10:00 pm Good Friday - Services at noon and 5:30 pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 pm (*There will be no Confessions at 4:00 on Holy Saturday*) Easter Sunday - Mass at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Spread the Word!

Enrollment for St. Francis Xavier School begins March 18th for the 2024-25 school year. Help promote our parish school by spreading the word about open enrollment and encouraging new families to consider the exceptional educational program that we offer.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

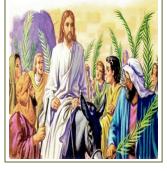
If you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, please contact Colleen Henney at 785-238-2618 to be included. Statute Schedule: 17 Mar - Sr. DJ and Diane Ussery 24 Mar - Virlyn and Michelle Carter 31 Mar - Mario and Margie Langas







NOTE: Only two Masses on Sunday, PALM SUNDAY, 24 Mar 2024. Procession begins with the blessing of the palms and Readings in the St. Xavier School gym and process over to the church to continue Mass.



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT							
23-24 MAR 2024	SATURDAY, 23 MAR 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 24 MAR 2024 8:30 AM	SUNDAY, 24 MAR 2024 10:30 AM				
Lector	John Triplett Ryan Rosauer	Cindy Lamberty Susan Kamphaus	Randy Testa Ricardo Vieyra				
Extraordinary Ministers	Courtney Boehm Susan Kamphaus Eric Page	Jane Handlos Betsy Liuebau Mary Kuttler	Sierra Jackson John Lamb Brenda Dacus				
Gift Bearers	Mirriam Davis Family	Patry Family	Jacob Davis Family				
Altar Servers with server assignments	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow - 1 st Lucas Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Grant Slough- 1 st Janis Curit - 2 nd Bernhards Curit - 3 rd				
Musician and Cantor	Katie Wiley	Sandi Adams Choir	Katie Wiley Children's Choir				
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Teddy Tieyah Jodean Tieyah George Heard Shar Boland Josh Boehm	Joe Handlos AnnMarie Striggow Brandon Bechard Neal Patry Pat Beavers Angela Beavers	Don Haffner Paul Rosell Mary Ann Vieyra Humberto Cruz Correa Josh Lichtensteiger Ray Felix				
Tithing Counters	Shar Boland, Murlene Jones and Ana Davis						



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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!

