

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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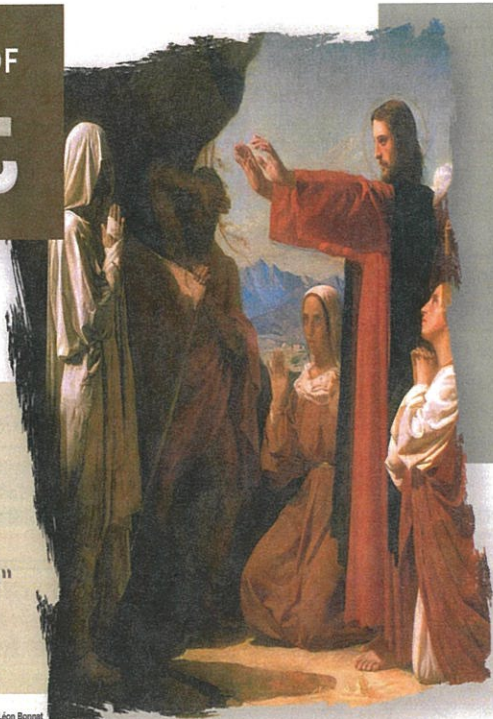


FIFTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

He cried out in
a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:43



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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 time for this week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Wednesday: 6:00 pm Tues
until 8:00 am on Wed

Thursday: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Holy Hour: Second Thursdays at
6:00 pm, Adoration and Benediction

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday: 6:00 pm following the Mass

Friday: 9:00 am following the Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm

You may also contact the Parish Office to set an individual appointment with Father.

Bulletin articles or notices must be submitted by noon on Tuesdays for following weekend. Please submit to office@saintxparish.org

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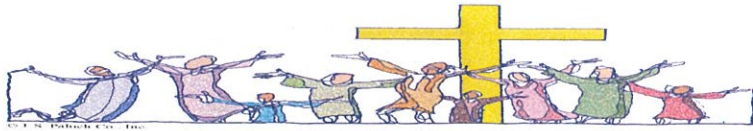
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Welcome to our Parish

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

PMR - Parish meeting room

OLPH - Our Lady of

† - Deceased

Perpetual Help Room

DATE	LITURGY TIMES	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday, 26 Mar 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass † Vernon Slattery L/D members of Hollerich and Keating families Pro populo	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C OCIA, 12:30 pm, Bldg C Lenten Penance Service , 3:00 pm, Church
Monday, 27 Mar 2023		No Mass	Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C <i>No Greater Love</i> class, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 28 Mar 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass Charles Kiser, III	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Grief Support Group, 1:00 pm, Bldg C, PMR Stations of the Cross following Mass and then Soup Supper Adoration, 8:00 pm until 8:00 am Wednesday
Wednesday 29 Mar 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass Sandi Adams	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 Rel Ed Class, First Reconciliation and Penance Service , 6:30 pm, Bldg C and Church
Thursday 30 Mar 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass Special Intention	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday 31 Mar 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass † Ken and Loyce Obermeyer	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Muliebris Sancti Prayer Group, 9:15 am, PMR Adoration, 9:00 am -2:00 pm Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm
Palm Sunday Vigil Saturday 01 Apr 2023	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Sunday Vigil Mass † Ricky Hahn † Auguster, Marina and Roland Davis	*Meet in school gym for Palm Sunday Vigil Mass Adoration following Mass until noon Confessions, 4:00 - 5:00 pm



St. Xavier Parish Lenten Penance Service is Sunday, 26 Mar at 3:00 pm. Several priests will be here for this service.

Rel Ed students will have Lenten Penance Service on Wed, 29 Mar, along with First Reconciliation.

Palm Sunday

02 April 2023

Please remember that the Palm Sunday Mass times are changed. There will only be two Masses on Sunday with one at 8:30 am and the other at 10:30 am. We will meet in the school gym for all Masses to join in the Palm Sunday procession over to the church.

Remember that the palms are blessed. When disposing of them, they must be burned or buried. You may bring your old palms to the Parish Office for disposal.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

01 AND 02 APR 2023	SATURDAY, 01 APR 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 02 APR 2023 8:30 AM	SUNDAY, 02 APR 2023 10:30 AM
Lector	Eric Page Susan Kamphaus	Allen and Paula Dinkel	Ricardo Vieyra Randy Testa
Extraordinary Ministers	Ricardo Gutierrez Diane Ussery Jodean Tieyah	Jane Handlos Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh	Sierra Jackson Brenda Dacus Sean Luke
Gift Bearers	Wagner Family	Glunz Family	Ana Davis Family
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1 st John Wagner - 2 nd Hannah Nguyen - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow - 1 st Lyla Liebau - 2 nd Lucas Liebau - 3 rd	Kassidy Jahnke - 1 st Jeter Gonzalez - 2 nd Catalina Gonzalez - 3 rd
Musician and Cantor	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Shar Boland Teddy Tieyah	Richard Striggow Pat and Angela Beavers Jane and Joe Handlos Louis Rodriguez	Don Haffner Karen Eddy Jeanie Wolford Connie Backhus Bob Catalo Mary Ann Vieyra
Money Counters	Trisha Austin, Shirley Allen and Eric Page		

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 18-19 Mar weekend collections:

Online Giving:	\$ 1,220.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	\$ 20,331.00**
Children's Tithing	\$ 11.00
Growth and Development	\$ 110.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 00.00
Total Collection	\$ 21,672.00

Amount needed to meet our Mar 2023 Parish operations budget

\$ 61,667.00 *

Mar Tithing and Offering collections to date:

\$ 48,415.99

Balance needed to meet our Mar needs:

\$ 13,251.01

Mar 2023 G&D collected to date\$4,284.25

* - This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations for the parish year, 01 Jul thru 30 Jun. The annual cost includes items such as the maintenance for our buildings, utilities, all Mass and church supplies, salaries for staff, support for the school...everything right down to the Kleenex provided in the church. The annual amount is then divided by the 12 months in a year to establish the monthly amount necessary. The tithing collections offered by our parishioners each week, our only income, is reported in the spirit of transparency for all. When we fall short in our collections of the needed monthly operating expenses, the difference must be pulled from investments or savings to cover the operating expenses. This impairs our sustainability to 'grow' our parish programs and services in the future.

** - Total includes sale of crops towards annual tithing contributions

Don't forget to teach our children how to submit their envelopes weekly! Take one with you to fill out for the following weekend if that is of help instead fixing one on the way into Mass. Have you linked your Amazon or Dillons accounts to St. Francis Xavier yet for charitable contribution direct from the company? No direct cost to you...sign up today!

Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support.



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

Deb Chaudary	Marissa Graham	Sandy Dietrich
Steve Matthews	Rebecca James	Tom Grelk
Elizabeth Clark	Cooper Holloway	Bruce Piava
Julie Taylor	Peggy Wawrzyniak	Reece Fairchild
Manny Pasquil	Mary Baker	Kelly Fielder
Ryleigh Joos	Pat Nicholson	Judy Rosa
John Cooner	Marty Perta	
Elizabeth Bunce		

...and all those suffering in the unrest in the world.



The Church will be closed Sunday, 26 Mar at 5:00 pm until Tuesday, Mar 28 at 4:00 pm for the carpets to be cleaned prior to Easter Sunday. Please plan accordingly.

All are welcome to attend our Lenten Soup Supper on Tuesday, Mar 28 after Mass and Stations of the Cross. Circle IV members will provide the delicious soups that evening.

Lenten SOUP Suppers

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

Give me your sins...

Saint Jerome, the brilliant doctor of the Church, lived for twenty-five years in the cave where the Child Jesus was born. One time he prayed to Jesus thus: "Dear Child, You have suffered much to save me: how can I make amends?" "What can you give me, Jerome?" a voice was heard. "I will spend my entire life in prayer, and I will offer all my talents into your hands," Jerome replied. "You do that to glorify me, but what more can you give to me?" the voice asked again. "I will give all my money to the poor," Jerome exclaimed. The voice said: "Give your money to the poor; it would be just as if you were giving it to me. But what else can you give to me?"

Saint Jerome became distraught and said: "Lord, I have given you everything! What is there left to give?" "Jerome, you have not still given to me your sins," the Lord replied. "Give it to me so I can erase them." With these words Jerome burst into tears and spoke, "Dear Jesus, take all that is mine and give me all that is yours."

Lent is a beautiful time to give God all our sins that he can erase them and set us free. Let us pray with Jerome, "Dear Jesus, take all that is mine and give me all that is yours."

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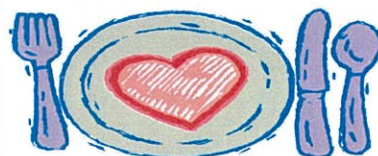
I invite you to participate in the Parish Penance Service that is scheduled this Sunday (March 26) at 3 pm. There will be 4 priests available to hear confessions.

May this holy season bring us closer to God!!!

Father G

*Today is a wonderful day to put a random act of kindness into action!
Someone needs you!*

"Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do for me."



COMMUNITY DINNER

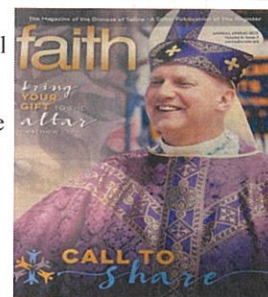
St. Francis Xavier Parish will be serving their first free Junction City Community Dinner on Thursday, March 30 from 5-7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Please remember to get your items to the Knights Hall timely

and workers report on time for a great success! Thank you to our Parish for providing this meal for our community! For those unable to participate this time, we will look forward to future Community Dinners with your help.

For more information call Barbie at 785-761-5277 or Mary Ann at 785-375-9906.

Call for faith magazine article

The next issue of the *faith* magazine will feature Mary and motherhood. One of the articles will feature advice from mothers around the diocese. If you have any advice for mothers on parenting tips, cooking, cleaning, balancing work and home, budgeting, self-care, keeping faith a priority, etc. please email Katie Hamel at kathrine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org no later than 07 Apr 2023.





Join the Junction City Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, April 7th. Lunch is 11 am - 2 pm and dinner is 5-7:30 pm.

Hosted at the Knights' Hall at 126 W 7th Street.

\$12 for Adults and \$6 for Kids (12 and under)

Hand-breaded fish fillet, McGrelk salad, Corn, Green Beans, Roll, tea and water provided. To-go meals are also available.



Theology on Tap starts on **March 25th at 7:00 pm** at Bella's Italian Restaurant. All young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to come. We will continue to meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This program has proven to be a successful vehicle for reaching young adults interested in learning more about their

faith, coming together to share community, and feeling welcomed and valued in the Catholic Church. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please call Cayley Sutton 785-307-4164



The current times available for Adoration, needing a committed person as we can not leave the Holy Eucharist unattended, are as follows: Wednesdays: 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 am

Thursdays: 3:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am, noon and 1:00 pm

Please contact Cindy at the Parish Office if you could support one of these hours or would like to be added to our list of substitutes.

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 in the schedule.

Statue Schedule:

26 Mar - Debbie Gose

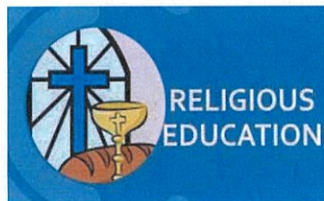


3/29 - Class/First Reconciliation/Adoration/Penance Service

4/5 - No Class Catechist Formation

4/12 - Class/Parent Meeting First Communion

4/19 - Class/First Communion Retreat



Call for Catechists! We need Catechists for the Religious Education program to serve as hall monitors, classroom assistants, and substitutes. If you are interested in answering the call, please contact Amber at the Parish Office.

Prayer and Action 2023

Registration is now open! Please contact Amber at the Parish Office for more information or to register.

June - St. John the Baptist in Clyde

July - St. Mary's in Smith Center

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/prayer-and-action/>



2023 JR CYO Camp

JR CYO Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center September 2nd - 4th (Labor Day Weekend)

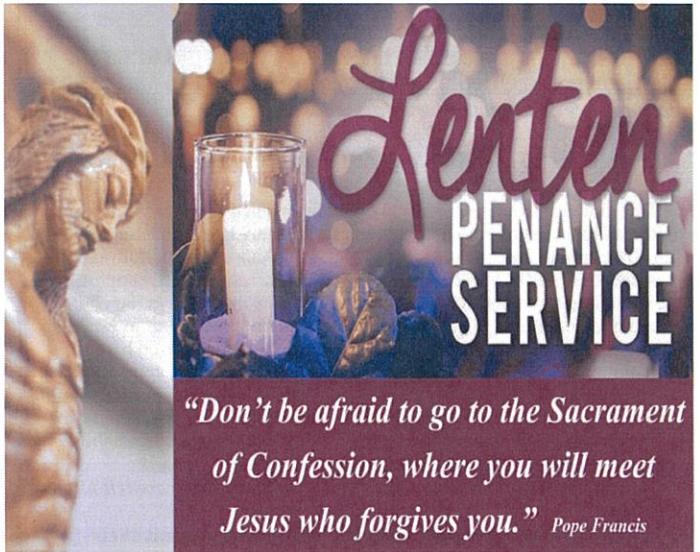
Registration begins April 1st!

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/junior-cyo-camp/>

The Knights of Columbus are doing a '40 Cans of Food for the 40 Days of Lent'. All non-perishable food is needed, but pasta sauce, canned tuna, cereal, peanut butter and jelly are the most needed items. Please bring them to the front entrance of the church. These food items will go to the Geary County Food Pantry. If you need a pickup, call John Hagerty at 785-209-1996.

Thank you for your continued support of the Geary County Food Pantry.

Knights of Columbus '40 for 40'



ETERNAL REST

THE ART OF DYING WELL

Eternal Rest explores the mystery of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Furthermore, the art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment.

Join us from 9-3pm on Saturday, 01 Apr in Room 239 of Bldg C. A light lunch will be provided. Question/Answer session with representatives from St. Mary's Cemetery, Johnson's funeral home and a discussion on wills, trusts and estate planning.

Register with Amber Davis at the Parish Office, 785-239-2998 or amber@saintxparish.org.

St. Mary's Cemetery Association

Spring is around the corner and it will soon be time to start mowing. Any parishioner or if you know of someone interested in taking care of the grounds at the cemetery which includes mowing, weed eating, and blowing grass off the headstones, please submit a written bid to the Association **no later than March 29**. Please mail your bid to St. Mary's Cemetery Association, PO Box 833, Junction City KS 66441. If you have any question, please contact Shar Boland, 785-238-8701.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

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

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

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News from the Principal

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School provides a positive family environment where every student has the opportunity to grow in their education, morals, and faith. Students explore their talents and interests by getting involved in sports, FBLA, forensics, scholars bowl, chess club, music, band, art, and so much more. If you are considering a Catholic education for your children, we will be having an open house for prospective families on Monday, April 17th from 6:30-8:00 in our school cafeteria. This evening will begin with refreshments, followed by a meet and greet, question and answer session, and a tour of our school. We would love to have you join the St. X family. So, plan to attend this event by calling the school office at 785-238-2841 or by sending an email to principal@saintxrams.org by Monday, April 10th to make a reservation. We look forward to meeting you and sharing what St. Xavier has to offer.

Shawn Augustine, Principal



NEW
This Year

**RESERVE A TABLE AT THE ST.
XAVIER SCHOOL AUCTION AND
SAVE!**

Reserve a single seat for \$60 or reserve a table and get one seat free. Tables of 6 for \$300 and tables of 8 for \$420 are available. This is an event you don't want to miss. Call the school office at 785-238-2841 or stop by M-F from 7:50am-3:50pm to make your reservation today.

ST. XAVIER AUCTION

A ROARING GOOD TIME

.....SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION.....

**SATURDAY
APRIL 29TH
5PM • ST. X GYM**

TICKETS \$60/PERSON

INCLUDES: OPEN BAR, DINNER, SILENT & LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

RESERVE A TABLE - GET A SEAT FREE
SIX & EIGHT SEAT TABLES AVAILABLE

CALL 238.2841
200 N. WASHINGTON ST



Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is underway. Families interested in Pre-k through 12th grades are invited to learn more about the exceptional educational opportunities available at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. Enroll early to save on registration fees! Stop by the school office or visit the school website at saintxrams.org for registration packets. Let St. Francis Xavier Catholic School be a part of

your family's faith journey for the 2023-24 school year!

St. Xavier students may bring a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle to PE class the week of March 27th thru the 31st for some Pickleball fun! For more details visit the school website at saintxrams.org.



**The beautiful thing
about learning is
that no one can take
it away from you.**