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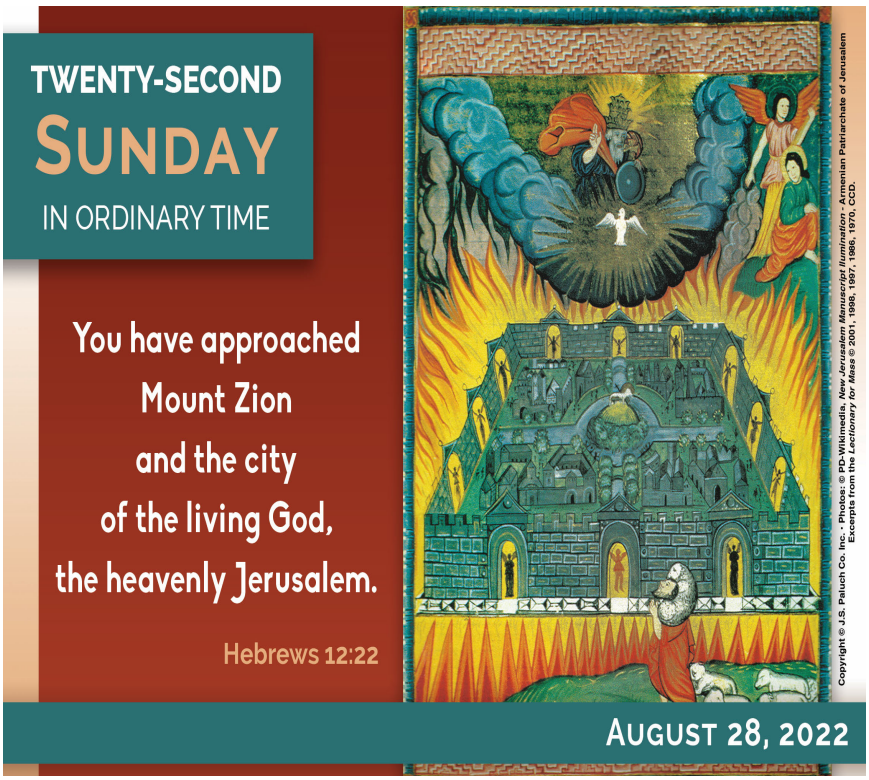

HOLY MASS

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

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 3:00 pm on Tuesdays for following weekend. Please submit to office@saintxparish.org

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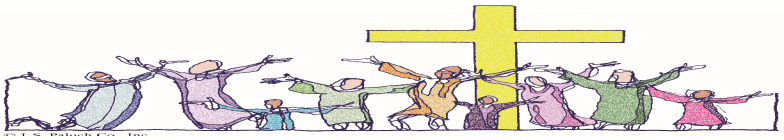


Welcome to our Parish

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday, 28 Aug 2022	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Jim Westerhaus † Linda Charowhas Pro populo	8:30 until 11:30 Coffee and Doughnuts, OLHP RCIA Class, 2:00 pm, Bldg C JRCYO, 4:30 pm, Luau at Milford Lake
Monday, 29 Aug 2022		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 30 Aug 2022	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Kathleen Teply	Adoration, 6:00 pm until 8:00 am Wednesday
Wednesday 31 Aug 2022	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Sharon Muller	St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, PMR RelEd Class, 6:30 pm, Meet in Church
Thursday 01 Sep 2022	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Milt Rawlings	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration, following Mass until 8:00 pm
Friday 02 Sep 2022	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Auguster and Marina Davis	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Muliebris Sancti Women's Group, 9:15 am, PMR Adoration, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm
Saturday 03 Sep 2022	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Holy Mass	† Linda Charowhas † Paul Lee and Anne Kwon	Adoration following 8:00 am Mass until noon Rosary for Life, 9:30 am at Life Memorial Confessions, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

September is our Time, Talent and Treasure Stewardship month...*what can you do?*

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

03 AND 04 SEP 2022	SATURDAY 5:15 PM	SUNDAY 08:00 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
Lector	Susan Kamphaus	Joe Handlos	Ella Moloney	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers	Eric Page Jodean Tieyah Sandy Leistner	Cindy Lamberty Tom Hollis Betsy Liebau	Sierra Jackson Amber Davis	Knights of Columbus
Gift Bearers	Ana Davis Family	Liebau Family	Coffman Family	Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1st Hannah Nguyen - 2nd John Wagner - 3rd	Lucas Liebau - 1st Jayden Striggow - 2nd Lyla Liebau - 3rd	Kim Davis - 1st Dana Davis - 2nd Ryan Davis - 3rd	Jerry Murray - 1st Janis Curit - 2nd Bernhards Curit - 3rd
Musician and Cantor	Heather Augustine Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams Knights of Columbus
Ushers	Buz Bruzina George Heard Greg Monty Shar Boland	Richard Striggow AnnMarie Striggow Mike and Kellie Boeh	Don Haffner Bob Catalo Larry Kramer Jeanie Wolford	Knights of Columbus
Money Counters	Murlene Jones, Ana Davis and Shar Boland			

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Totals for 13/14 Aug weekend collections:

Online Giving:	$	1,220.00
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	$	8,195.20
Growth and Development	$	250.00
Assumption of Mary	$	303.00
Memorial Donations	$	0.00
Total Collection	$	9,968.20

Amount needed to meet Aug operations budget $ 61,667.00 *
Aug Tithing and Offering collections to date $ 36,695.49
Balance needed to meet our Aug needs: $ 25,001.51

Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia
collection to date…$1,685.00
Seminarian Collection to date…$2,280.00
Aug G&D collected to date …..$3,834.00

* - 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.

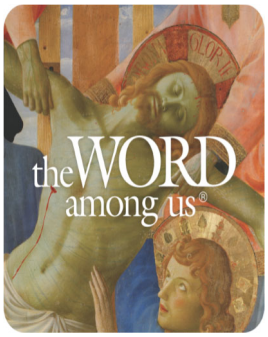
The tithing collections offered by our parishioners each week, our only income, is reported in the spirit of transparency for all. When we fall short in our collections of the needed monthly operating expenses, the difference must be pulled from investments or savings to cover the operating expenses. This impairs our sustainability to 'grow' our parish programs and services in the future. Thank the Lord for many of our parishioners who step up to volunteer for the many tasks of keeping the Parish operating with their time and talent.

Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support.

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

Deb Chaudrary	Marissa Graham	Brandon Bechard
Steve Matthews	Rebecca James	Tom Grelk
Elizabeth Clark	Rita Braden	Cooper Holloway
Julie Taylor	Peggy Wawrzyniak	Reece Fairchild
Vernon Hecker	Manny Pasquil	
Kelly Fielder	Ryleigh Joos	Cole and Caden Handlos
A Special Intention	All COVID patients	

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



The Word Among Us

Father has secured a deal for copies of the weekday Readings and meditations from the *Word Among Us*. Copies will be available in the Gathering Space beginning 01 Sep for parishioners attending weekday Masses.

Please do not leave in the church but take with you and bring each day.

God bless you!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai

As I was surfing the internet I came across this beautiful Christian prayer by an anonymous author. I would like to share it with you:

MONDAY is WASH DAY: "God, help me wash away selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.
TUESDAY is IRONING DAY: "God, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.
WEDNESDAY is MENDING DAY: "God, help me mend my ways so that I will not set a bad example for others."
THURSDAY is CLEANING DAY: "God, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart."
FRIDAY is SHOPPING DAY: "God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love."
SATURDAY is COOKING DAY: "God, help me to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness."
SUNDAY is OPEN HOUSE DAY: "God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart as my honored guest so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence."

Let this prayer for each day of the week help us grow in holiness!

Father G

Tithing is the practice, established by God in the Old Testament, of returning 10% of your blessings to God. Leviticus states in Chapter 27 verse 32 that "The tithes of the herd and the flock shall be determined by giving to the Lord as sacred every tenth animal as they counted by the herdsman's rod." Originally, the tithe was given to the temple or the Church in the form of produce or livestock, since this really was the only income that the people had. As our society shifted from a barter-based system of trade to a monetary exchange system, the tithe began to be paid in currency. Whether one gave monetary income or profit from the fields was really not as important as it was for the believer to understand that the tithe was what was owed to God. The tithe was not given based on the needs of the priests, of the Church or of the poor. It was given simply in recognition and gratitude for the blessings that God had bestowed on the individual. Therefore, every believer had a need to tithe to God.

Today, our Church still needs our support to pay the expenses and financial obligations it incurs as it operates in a commercial society. Salaries, benefits, insurance, maintenance, utilities and service fees are all expenses that never even existed when Our Lord first decreed that each of us was to give back a percentage of what we have. As you can see from our weekly tithing reports, we are only close to meeting expenses each month. Additionally, we are still called to care for the poor among us.

September is the month of stewardship in the Catholic church. You will see reference to Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure. Tithing, the treasure part of our call to stewardship, is a way of life for God's people. In order to help our children learn the importance of tithing and supporting God's church, children's envelopes will begin to be available at the back of the church Sunday 04 Sep 2022. A table will be on the south wall of the Gathering Space that will have their weekly tithing envelopes and the children's bulletins. Stop to pick up one for each of your children to drop in the collection baskets during Mass as their offering back to God. Pennies build dollars but more importantly they will learn to give back to God for their many blessings.

This begins next weekend...03/04 September!

The Knights of Columbus Council 1029 is taking nominations for its "Round Table Project". Brother Knights will bring their skills and tools to the 'round table' in order to improve the living conditions of one or more local residents. The council is seeking names of homeowners and residents in Geary County who are in need of free labor to assist in improving living conditions or bringing their residences up to code or standard. After selecting which projects to work on, the group will meet on one Saturday this fall to perform the selected work.

Please contact Jeff Keating at jffkeats@gmail.com or 785-238-7117, or Randy Testa at randytesta@hotmail.com or 785-556-1000 to request assistance, or suggest a local resident who would benefit from this Round Table Project."

Looking for a Bible Study?

We meet weekly beginning Sunday, Sept 11th from 9-30 - 10:30 in Bldg C, Room 239.

Topic: The Book of Judith from the Deuterocanonical Scriptures found only in Catholic Bibles. A Bible is provided for use in class - that way we are reading the same version (less confusing that way).

Instructors: Deb and Lee Breidenstein, no need to sign up, just come to class.

Calling all youth grades 6-8….

Join the St. Xavier's JR CYO *BACK TO SCHOOL LUAU* at North Overlook Park, Milford Lake on Sunday, 28 Aug from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

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:

28 Aug - Colleen Henney
04 Sep - Sr. DJ and Diane Ussery
11 Sep - Charlene Ross
18 Sep - Janet Hahn
25 Sep - Michelle and Birlyn Carter

St. Xavier welcomes Billie Jo Evers as our newest member to the Catholic faith. Billie Jo is the daughter of Anthony Evers and Kristina Carlson. Her loving Godparent is Lori Vazquez. Billie Jo's Baptism was 07 Aug 2022.

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

Luis and Karina Marin and their daughters, Emma and Lily

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!

RCIA classes begin Sunday, August 28th at 2pm in Room 239, Building C. If you or someone you know who was never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition and want to become members of the Church, please contact Amber at the Parish Office for more information.

Registration for Religious Education is available on the Parish Website at www.saintxparish.org. The link for registration is available under Religious Education on the Faith Formation tab. Please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours to register in person or to get help registering online. Classes begin August 31st.

8/31 – Class – Families meet at Church
9/07 – Class
9/14 – Class
9/21 – Class/Parent Meeting First Communion
9/28 – Class/Parent/Sponsor Meeting Confirmation

Thank you to those that have chosen to spend time with our Lord in prayer and worship. There are still times available for your consideration. Maybe you could buddy up with a friend or family member to take a time slot! Time slots needing help are as follows: ***Tues:*** *6:00 pm* ***Wed:*** *1:00 and 2:00 am*
Thur: *9:00 am, 4:00 and 7:00 pm*
Fri: *Noon and 1:00 pm*

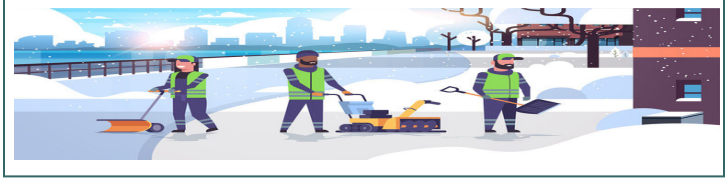
Any time spent before the Eucharistic Presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives!

Men of the Parish….we all need your help!

It is time to start thinking ahead so that when the snow comes we are prepared. We are asking men of the parish to help with shoveling the sidewalks around the church and school when more than 1 inch of snow comes.

We would like to build teams and folks will be assigned for one month and then be done for the season. Please consider! When a few show up it goes much faster! We do have two snowblowers and will use those as much as possible. Kansas forecast is only three snowy days in Jan and five in Feb.

Can't you help us all out!



St. Xavier parishioners mourn the passing of Lois Jane Roberts. Jane's funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, 20 Aug 2022. Jane was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery.

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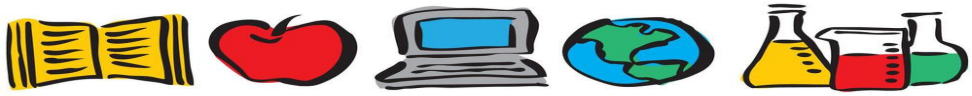

News from the Principal

Trash Bag Sales Fundraiser

Our annual trash bag sales fundraiser is underway at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School with a goal to raise $5,000. Proceeds will go towards our school's curriculum and technology needs. Many of you are familiar with the quality bags, suitable in size and strength for our trash needs and the yard work we will be starting soon. The bags are twice as thick as Hefty bags. There are three different sizes available, and they all cost only $12.00 per roll.

White 15 gallon (tall kitchen) 65 bags per roll
Yellow 39 gallon 25 bags per roll
Blue 55 gallon (super-size) 16 bags per roll

We are taking orders now through September 30th. Please join us in raising funds for our school! Students will be selling trash bags throughout the community, but they can also be purchased at the school office daily from 7:50 am-3:50 pm. Payment must be made at time of purchase. Bags will be available for pick up at the school office on October 20th from 4 pm – 8 pm and October 21st from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or at any time during school hours. Thank you for your help and support of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Shawn Augustine, Principal

WELCOME NEW ST. FRANCIS XAVIER STAFF

Amanda

Amanda Rushen will be joining the St. Xavier staff this year as the preschool teacher's aide. She has taught preschool for over 5 years, has an associate's degree in applied science, and is a certified pharmacy technician. Amanda's hobbies include traveling, reading, hiking, and spending time with family and friends. She is a military spouse of 22 years and has lived and traveled all over the world. Last school year, Amanda volunteered at St. Xavier School as the Kindergarten teacher's aide. We look forward to having Amanda and her daughter at St. Xavier School again this year.

Bryn

Bryn Morgenstern is excited to be a part of the Saint Xavier family as the 2nd grade teacher this school year. She recently graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Elementary Education. Bryn is originally from Clarinda, Iowa but plans to stay in Kansas for the time being. In her free time, she enjoys playing yard games with her family, loves painting, working out, getting coffee with friends, and praying in the church. She is excited to begin her teaching career at St. X and to share her love for education and the faith with her students.

Beverly

Beverly Quinton will be joining the St. Xavier staff as the new aftercare coordinator. She has been a part of the St. Xavier family for over 50 years, including her time here as a student and having a son who attends St. X currently. Beverly has a Bachelors of Art and Bachelors of Communication from Northeastern State University. She also studied Commercial Arts at the Colorado Institute of Art. Beverly is an Air Force veteran as well as a retired business compliance officer and state veterans services rep. Her hobbies include photography, graphic design, and art.

Joleene

Joleene Ellis is new to Saint Xavier's School this year and will be serving as the cafeteria cook. She attended Catholic schools growing up and has studied business management marketing at Central Oregon Community College in addition to holding a medical transcription certificate from Martinsburg College. Joleene enjoys a variety of hobbies including camping, hunting, fishing, baking, cooking, writing, drawing, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities. In recent years, she has traveled the country as an Army spouse and stay at home mom of 4. Faith, family, and friends are the things she holds most dear.

Karen

Karen Girardot will serve as the cafeteria manager for the 2022-23 school year. She has a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and an Associates degree in Paraprofessional Education from the University of Phoenix. In addition, she holds a Masters in Justice Studies and Public Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. Karen enjoys reading, watching her children play sports, hanging out with family, learning new things, and spending time with her 5 dogs. Previously, she has helped out at St. Xavier working as a substitute teacher. We look forward to having Karen and her children at school again this year.

....we are glad you are here with us!

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