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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

This is 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

Please feel free to stop in anytime to worship Our Lord or if you would like to be a regular Adorer or a substitute, please sign up by contacting the Parish Office.

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.

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Welcome to our Parish

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

PMR—Parish meeting room
† - Deceased

DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday, *05 Sep 2021*	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† All souls in Purgatory † William O. Caspar Pro populo	
Monday, *06 Sep 2021*		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, *07 Sep 2021*	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	Natalie and Garrett McDowell	Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confession following Mass Adoration following Mass until 8:00 am Wednesday Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:00 pm, Knights Hall
Wednesday *08 Sep 2021*	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Rosemary Werth	St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, PMR Rel Ed Classes, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
Thursday *09 Sep 2021*	8:00 am	Holy Mass	Collette Matthews and †Charles and Isabelle Fiffe	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration following Mass until 8:00 pm Circle IV mtg, 7:00 pm, PMR
Friday *10 Sep 2021*	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Chong Cha Small	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Confession following Mass Adoration following Mass until 2:00 pm
Saturday *11 Sep 2021*	5:15 pm	Holy Mass	† Victims of the 9/11 tragedy	Confessions, 4:00 pm

All Salina Diocese priests will be at the Annual Priests Retreat Monday, September 13 through Friday, September 17. There will be no weekday masses during Father's attendance to the Annual Priests Retreat. Please contact Cindy at the Parish Office if any sacramental emergency.

Please pray for all our priests as they gather during this time.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

11 AND 12 SEP 2021	SATURDAY 5:15 PM	SUNDAY 08:00 AM	SUNDAY 09:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
Lector	Kathy Triplett	Pat Beavers	Brian Schoenhofer	Randy Testa
Eucharistic Minister	Eric Page	Maureen Gustafson	John Lamb	Sean Luke
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1st Jerry Murray - 2nd Jeter Gonzalez - 3rd	Lucas Liebau - 1st Jayden Striggow - 2nd Lyla Liebau - 3rd	Matthew Heiss - 1st Adrian Rivera Burgos - 2nd	Harper Luke - 1st Marley Luke - 2nd
Music	Manny Pasquil Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Shawn and Heather Augusting
Ushers	Buz Bruzina Ed Augustine Shar Boland George Heard	Richard Striggow Richard Gustafson Brandon Bechard Cindy Lamberty	Connie Backhus Bob Catalo Dan Haffner	John Hagerty Mary Ann Vieyra Paul Rosell Brice Duei
Money Counters	Murlene Jones, Shar Boland, Anna Davis and Cathy Striggow			

Parish Office Hours
The Parish Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please know that messages are regularly checked after hours for sacramental emergencies.

Bulletin Articles and Notices
Please provide your notices for the Parish bulletins by Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. You can submit your bulletin notices via email to office@saintxparish.org or call the Parish Office at 785-238-2998.

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Tithes and Offerings

Collections from last weekend - 21/22 Aug 2021

Online Giving:	$ 476.91
Envelopes/loose checks/cash:	$ 7,856.05
Total Collection	$ 8,332.96

Diocese Seminarian Collection (to date) $ 3,219.00

Amount needed to meet Aug operations budget	$ 54,633.00
Aug Tithing and Offering collections to date	$ 50,353.16
Remaining balance necessary	$ 4,279.84

Aug Growth and Development (G&D) will go towards new Altar Server Cassocks and Surplices...collected to date **$3,722.00**

Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

Joan Gfeller John McKee Diane Ussery
Judy Rosa Copenhaver Family Deb Chaudary
...And all those struggling with Covid

Please let the Parish Office know of those needing our prayers.
St X Parishioners are great prayer warriors!

Do have questions about the Parish Directory? Instructions for signing-up and questions and answers about the Directory are at the back of the Church. Not sure about how to sign-up? Stop at the back of Church after Mass this weekend, or the next two weekends for assistance. We want you in our Directory!!!

Friendly reminder - the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 06 Sep, in observance of Labor Day

LET EVERY NATION KNOW,
WHETHER IT WISHES US WELL OR ILL,
THAT WE SHALL PAY ANY PRICE,
BEAR ANY BURDEN, MEET ANY HARDSHIP,
SUPPORT ANY FRIEND, OPPOSE ANY FOE,
TO ASSURE THE SURVIVAL AND SUCCESS OF LIBERTY.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Labor Day
Six Reasons Why We Work

For Christians, celebrating Labor Day has multiple meanings. We honor the workers of America, but the holiday is also a chance to remember the importance of work.

Why do we work? As we celebrate with our friends and family, let us take time to reflect on these six reasons:

1. Work fulfills three purposes.

Our work should glorify God, serve the common good, and further the kingdom of God. Our work is what God uses to change the world for his glory.

2. Work gives us insight into the nature of God.

The opening lines of Scripture say, "In the beginning, God created." God is a worker. From the very beginning of the Bible, we are faced with the inescapable fact that work is a part of God's character and nature.

3. We were made to work – it is ordained by God.

In Genesis 2:15 we read, The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. God gave us the task of ruling over and taking care of his creation. This cultural mandate, given in Genesis 1:28, is our original job description.

4. Work is honorable – it is a gift, not a curse.

All professions and all kinds of work, assuming that they are legal and biblically ethical, are honorable before the Lord. There is no dichotomy between sacred and secular work. All work brings glory to God and a potential source of fulfillment, if it is done to God's glory.

5. Work provides an opportunity for witness.

We manifest a powerful message to the world through supernatural approach to work. The world needs this powerful witness to the reality of Christ and the difference he makes in his followers.

6. Work gives us a lifetime mission.

Genesis 3:19 reminds us that "by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground." God intends that humans are to work as long as they live, whether paid or volunteer. Retirement shouldn't mean the end of meaningful, purposeful work. Our vocations are for a lifetime.

Have a blessed, refreshing, and fulfilling holiday with friends and loved ones!

Note: My special thanks to Cathy Striggow who put together gifts for the altar servers last week in honor of their appreciation month. Cathy is contact person for Altar Servers in the Parish. If any new candidates are willing to serve, please contact her.

God bless you all!
Father G

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training for new servers will take place on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm in the church. Servers must be in 3rd grade or older, have received the sacraments of Penance and First Communion. Parents will need to attend for the first 15 minutes to complete paperwork. The training will end at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Striggow at 785-223-1018 or email at cathy.striggow@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

If you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, please contact Linda Charowhas at 785-200-0926 or Colleen Henney at 785-238-2618 to be included in the schedule.

Statue Schedule:	Week of 05 Sep: Antonio and Yazmin Solis
	Week of 12 Sep: Fred and Charlene Lueck
	Week of 19 Sep: Rick and Janet Hahn

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

Larry and Myong Gardner
Samuel and Marilu Sadusky

Please take a minute to say a prayer of thanksgiving for God sending these families to celebrate with us.

Wherever you came from, wherever you are going...you are welcome here with us!

September 18th is ***National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children***. Please gather at the Respect Life Memorial in front of the church, weather permitting, or in church at 10:00 am to pray the rosary in memory of our aborted brothers and sisters.

Over 61 million children have been aborted since Roe v. Wade was passed in 1973. There are 56 gravesites across the United States, as well as hundreds of other sites dedicated in memory of aborted children. At www.AbortionMemorials.com you can find where these gravesites and memorial sites are located and details about any memorial services planned on September 18.

Youth Ministry

Registration is ongoing for Youth Ministry at the Parish Website under Religious Education/SPARK Registration. **NO FEES for Youth Ministry Registration.**

Religious Education

Religious Education classes begin September 8, 6:30-7:30pm. Families are asked to meet in the church that evening at the start of class.

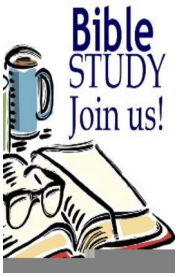
Registration is still open and available on the Parish Website.

Life has many storms – distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic tradition, who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers.

RCIA Class are Sunday afternoons at 2pm in Building C beginning September 12th
Open to those interested in joining the Catholic Church and Parishioners who want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
To join RCIA contact Amber at the Parish Office.

Fall Bible Study

The Apostle John was called the "beloved disciple" and was the writer of the Gospel but did you know he also wrote several letters as well as the Book of Revelation. We will be studying those writings beginning Sunday, September 12th. We meet weekly at 9:30 am for an hour of study in Bldg C. No registration is required, just show up. We even provide a Bible for use during class. POC, if you have any questions, is Debbie and Lee Breidenstein 785-762-7852.



Youth in grades 6-8 are invited for a meet and greet on Saturday, September 18th at 6:30 pm in the church parking lot. Parents are welcome to met the JR CYO leadership team and learn more about our plans for the year. Regular meetings will be twice a month on Saturdays at 6:30 pm.

St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain in 1580, of impoverished parents descended from ancient and distinguished families. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Tarragona in 1602 and took his final vows on August 8, 1604. While studying philosophy at Majorca, the young religious was influenced by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez to go to the Indies and save "millions of perishing souls."

In 1610, he landed at Cartagena (modern Columbia), the principle slave market of the New World, where a thousand slaves were landed ever month. After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by special vow to the service of the Negro slaves – a work that was to last for 33 years. He labored unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Negro slave trade, and the love he lavished on them was something that transcended the natural order.

Boarding the slave ships as they entered the harbor, he would hurry to the revolting inferno of the hold, and offer whatever poor refreshments he could afford; he would care for the sick and dying, and instruct the slaves through Negro catechists before administering the Sacraments. Through his efforts 300,000 souls entered the Church. Furthermore, he did not lose sight of his converts when they left the ships, but followed them to the plantations to which they were sent, encouraged them to live as Christians, and prevailed on their masters to treat them humanely. He died in 1654. His feast day is Thursday, Sept 09.

Fall Mum Fundraiser

All proceeds support the needs of the Religious Education Program. 8 inch pots available in colors red, yellow, orange\bronze, pink\purple and white. $12 each or 3 for $30

Limited quantities available so order early!

Deadline to order is September 10th.

Orders may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Pickup of flowers will be September 18-19.

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SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. AUGUSTINE

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The St. Francis Xavier Catholic School staff would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their hospitality and generosity in providing a free will donation breakfast last Sunday. Money raised will go towards teacher supplies needed for the school year. We appreciate all your support of our parish school.

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. Our bags are twice as thick as Hefty bags. There are three different sizes available, but 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 October 1st. 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 14th from 4 pm – 8 pm and October 15th 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

Items Needed

The preschool classes at St. Xavier are needing donations for upcoming sensory projects. Items needed include empty baby food glass jars and empty small plastic bottles (tea, water, or soda size bottles). Any donations can be brought to the school office between the hours of 7:50 am and 3:50

Math with a Watermelon Twist

Students in grades K-6 worked together to measure circumferences, weight, and seed count of watermelons at the Back-to-School Kick-off event *Math with a Watermelon Twist.*

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