

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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The Ascension of the Lord

12 May 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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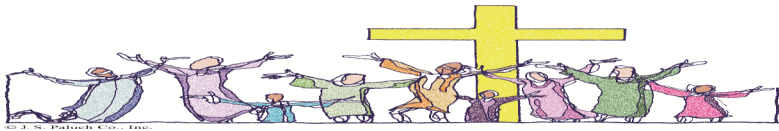
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Welcome to our Parish
"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

DATE	LITURGY TIMES	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday 12 May 2024	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	† Chris Paxton Pro populo L/D members of Eckenrode and Hahn families
Monday 13 May 2024		No Mass	Bible Study, 9:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239
Tuesday 14 May 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Deceased members of Teply family
Wednesday 15 May 2024	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Steve Kane
Thursday 16 May 2024	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Ruth and Junior Cook
Friday 17 May 2024	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Paul Lee and Anne Kwon
Saturday 18 May 2024	5:15 pm	Vigil Mass	† Ricky Hahn



Truly our mothers are a blessing from God because he trusted our mothers to be caretakers of His most wonderful creation, our children! Our prayer is for all mothers to know God's deep love and delight in you!



ASCENSION SUNDAY (OR THURSDAY?)

I always thought it was "Ascension Thursday." What Changed? | The Solemnity of the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation, traditionally occurring on the Thursday that coincides with the 40-day mark following Easter, and is celebrated as such in many regions of the country, while other regions transfer the celebration to the following Sunday. Transferring the Ascension to Sunday is actually not that new, and part of a larger trend to transfer holy days of obligation and other solemnities to the following Sunday. Doing so allows greater exposure and more solemn celebration of the holy day among the faithful. This is especially true for such a beautiful feast as the Ascension of our Lord, it being such a part of the Easter season.

For the Ascension in the United States, this trend started on the West Coast in the late 1990s, and eventually spread. Other parts of the world have also transferred this solemnity to Sunday including Australia, Canada, and some countries in Europe. With the approval of the Holy See, the episcopal conference (the body of bishops in a country) can transfer solemnities and change some of the holy days of obligation (Canon 1246). In the U.S., each ecclesiastical province, or the metropolitan archdiocese and its suffragan dioceses, was permitted to decide whether to transfer the Ascension or not.

Many dioceses made this decision around 1992. A few dioceses still maintain the traditional Ascension Thursday. (Portions of this article are attributed to the Paul Christopher Lim's "From the Back of the Church")
 Father Kerry



TITHES & OFFERINGS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



<i>Giving</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Online Giving	1,115.00
Envelopes/loose check/cash	13,477.88
Children's Tithing	18.00
Memorials and Gifts	200.00
Total for 04/05 May	\$14,810.88

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.

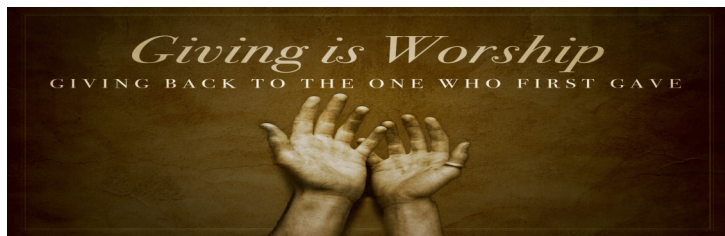
Amount needed to meet our May 2024 Parish operating budget (23-24 FY) \$87,632.50 **
 May Tithing/Offering collections to date **\$14,810.88**
 Balance needed to meet our May needs: **\$72,821.62**

May 2024 G&D collected to date\$3,641.75
 May's Growth and Development collection will be put toward the Altar renovation project.

** - 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!



If you would like tithing envelopes for 2025, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office. 785-238-2998
 Order will be placed soon.



Respect Life Ministry – "From Womb to Tomb"
 Sign up and be a member of meet after the monthly 1st Saturday morning Mass in the OLPH room, bldg. B
 Saint Xavier's Respect Life Ministry Tom Hollis 785.717.5896

"The right to life is not a woman's issue. The Lord is the giver of life and only He can make choices about life" – Author Unknown



Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:



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| Steve Matthews | Jami Ann Bird | Bruce Piava |
| Benjamin Grell | Elizabeth Clark | Rachel Moore |
| Elizabeth Bunce | Mary Bolette | Mary Baker |
| Wilma Schoendaller | Ralph Schmedemann | Judy Rosa |
| Cooper Holloway | Peggy Wawrzyniak | Julie Taylor |
| Jude Fairchild | Marissa Graham | Marty Potter |
| Ray Kamphaus | Judy Rosa | Karen Morris |
| Manny Pasquil | Shirley Oaks | Marty Perta |
| Ryleigh Joos | James DeCarlo | John Cooner |
| Sandy Dietrich | Carolyn Cook | |

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.



Our Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council are seeking new members for the coming fiscal year(s) beginning July 2024. Multiple seats are coming open 30 Jun 2024 as their terms are expiring.

If you would like to be a member of either of these two parish organizations, please call the parish office at 785-238-2998 or office@saintxparish.org for details and application. We need your expertise. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity of stewardship.



Father requests all graduating seniors of the class of 2024 to attend the Baccalaureate Mass. This invite is for ALL seniors of Junction City, as well as surrounding communities including Chapman, Wakefield and White



City. Baccalaureate Mass will be 19 May 2024 at the 11:00 am Mass. We ask that all graduating seniors of the parish come in their cap and gown for their school.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. ~Jeremiah 29:11



Prayer for Mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—Amen



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:
12 May - Janet Hahn
19 May - Rita Jenkins
26 May - Ray and Susan Kamphaus

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE
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NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Come to **Benedictine College** for the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage!**
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 and Wednesday, June 26, 2024

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 and
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
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Atchison, Kansas



Join **Benedictine College** in the **Eucharistic Revival!**
See more at: Benedictine.edu/Pilgrimage

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MAY – Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world even though it is illegal in every country of the world. It is a multi-billion-dollar business sustained by greed and pleasure. Alliance to End Human Trafficking-Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters
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Walk to Mary Pilgrimage Our Lady of Champion, WI
May 1-5, 2024
Reflections from St. Francis Xavier Parish Pilgrims

Lord and sacrifice to be a little closer to Christ. It gives me "Hope". Hope that there is still good in the world. It's like that little candle that the darkness cannot overcome. Another thing that made this trip amazingly beautiful was my sister and two children joined me on this pilgrimage. Maybe more will come next year. ~Ricardo Gutierrez

Through prayer, reflection, thankfulness, pain, joy, and laughter... my soul was filled with God's love and peace... ~Barbie Campbell
Enjoyed my trip and making new friends on our Walk to Mary in Champion, Wisconsin again this year. Although I did not walk the Pilgrimage, I was able to walk the Stations of the Cross, attend Rosary, attend Children's Mass and go to Confession as well as spend time in prayer with Mary in the beautiful Apparition Oratory. I always love the time spent at Holy Hill where we spent our nights and enjoyed the Mass and sites. A plus this year was seeing the Shroud of Turin. I especially enjoyed seeing St. Joan of Arc Chapel on Marquette University Campus. Also, Millie's Diner was a huge treat coming home. ~Charlene Ross

This was my second year participating in the Walk to Mary and my son's first. We had a good spiritual journey together and made memories while learning as we visited the tomb of Venerable Fulton Sheen, the St. Joan of Arc Chapel, Held's Meat and Cheese Market, Holy Hill and Shroud of Turin replica, and Our Lady of Champion Apparition site as we traveled with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to going back next year! ~Amber Davis

The WTM2024 was a 100% success. It was more than a site-to-site pilgrimage because it was a well-planned spiritual retreat that allowed multiple stops and visits to learn more about our Catholic faith and history. Stops in Peoria, IL and Marquette University helped make the trip fun even before we landed (and after) at the coolest and spiritual epicenter: Holy Hill. Holy Hill had so much to offer on our spiritual journey to help focus on God's creation and man's ability to give back to God a place of worship to honor Mother Mary, Jesus and the saints on a beautiful campus that featured wilderness tied to the historic Basilica and numerous buildings and towers. Like everything new, the Our Lady of Champion Shrine was at the last site of the pilgrimage and historical knowledge and experience may have been overlooked due to the exhaustion of some participants. ~Eric Page

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 May 16th at 7:00pm at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help room.



May 16th - Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

June 6th - Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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



St. Francis Xavier Parish is hosting a rosary for Catholic Rural Life on Monday May 13th at 7:00 pm in the OLPH room.

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE

SALINA DIOCESE This is one night of a Novena hosted by Catholic Rural Life from May 6th to the 14th, praying for Kansas Farms. The Novena is leading to the celebration of St. Isidore's Day on May 15th. A different parish will lead the rosary each night at 7 pm and will be shared via Zoom. To join every night of the Novena, use the Zoom Meeting ID: 879 4076 7521, Passcode: 388027.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

MAY 25, 2024

WHO?

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 +

WHAT?

THIS EVENT WILL BE A POTLUCK AND TRIVIA NIGHT! WE ARE EXCITED TO GATHER FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND TRIVIA! PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE! FR. ANDY HAMMEKE WILL BE RUNNING TRIVIA, SO YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

WHERE?

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL
234 E CLOUD ST, SALINA, KS 67401

WHEN?

5:00 - 9:00PM

RSVP via the QR



ARMED FORCES DAY
Celebration

This FREE event is open to everyone!



Saturday, May 18th

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Ceremonies/Presentations will be from 9:30 - 11:30

NE Corner of 9th & Washington St
Downtown Junction City



Special Guests: Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston and others!

- ★ Future Soldier Swear-In Ceremony ★
- ★ Presentation from Smithfield ★
- ★ Fort Riley Military Vehicle Display ★
- ★ Military and Veteran Affiliated Organizations ★
- ★ Indian, Italian, Mexican and Soul Food Trucks ★
- ★ DJ D-Nice ★
- ★ Market Vendors ★
- ★ Bounce Houses and Other Activities for Kids ★

Contact Isreat with questions. MACdirector@cacc.org - 757-567-4963



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St. Francis Xavier Parish
Welcome
So glad you're here...

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

Robert and Jessica Moreno and their two children, Leah and Cortez

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!



Prepare to takeoff on...



Who: Children currently in grades PK (age 4) - 5
Where: St. Francis Xavier Building A
When: June 10-14
Time: 9AM-Noon
Cost: \$10
Registration Deadline: June 2
To Register Contact: Parish Office 785-238-2998



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Which liturgical ministry best fits YOU? We need your help in all of these ministries! See lead contact info on the weekly bulletin cover.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Baccalaureate Mass

SUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024

AT 11:00 AM

Seniors from St. Xavier and the surrounding schools are invited to attend the 2024 baccalaureate Mass. Please assemble in the gathering area of the church wearing caps and gowns. Graduates will process in at the beginning of Mass and sit in reserved pews.



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Calling all High School age youth to join our St. Francis Xavier Parish Family at Prayer and Action in Ellis July 7-12. Cost is \$50. Please contact Amber at the Parish Office if you are interested.

What is Prayer & Action?

Prayer and Action lasts five days, with students arriving Sunday evening, and staying until Friday morning. During the week, high school students will paint, clean, do yard work and perform other meaningful tasks, for the poor, handicapped and the elderly. Every parish within the diocese is invited to bring as many or as few of their high school students as they wish to participate in the program. Adult leaders are to share the same experience as the youth and are asked to be positive role models throughout the week's activities.

About the Prayer & Action Team Leaders

The Prayer & Action experience will be facilitated by the team leaders, which consists of seminarians and other dynamic college students. Leaders of this mission are knowledgeable of the Catholic faith, hard working, and passionate about sharing Christ's joy and love.

Where did the name Prayer and Action come from?

Father Gale Hammerschmidt founded the program; it began in the Diocese of Salina in 2006. He wanted this mission to accomplish 2 things: offer a low cost mission trip experience and provide service to the people in the Diocese of Salina. Fr. Gale chose to name the program after a quote about Mary from St. Pope John Paul II that emphasized Mary's dedication to both prayer AND action.

Who can attend Prayer & Action?

Prayer and Action is open to all high school students, including those in 9th-12th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

18/19 MAY 2024	SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2024 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024 11:00 AM
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Hahn	Eric Page	Ray Felix	Randy Testa
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	Ricardo Gutierrez Courtney Boehm Diane Ussery	Maureen Gustafson Eva Pearson Mary Kuttler	Sierra Jackson Brenda Dacus Jane Bauman	Deb Breidenstein Rachelle Crawford Chris Breidenstein
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Boehm Family	Korie Family	Veniegas Family	De La Cruz Family
<i>Altar Servers with server assignments</i>	Hannah Nguyen - 1 st Declan Boehm - 2 nd - 3 rd	Jayden Striggow - 1 st Lyla Liebau - 2 nd Grayson Bechard - 3 rd	Dana Davis - 1 st Kim Davis - 2 nd Ryan Davis - 3 rd	Janis Curit- 1 st Kassidy Jahnke- 2 nd Bernhards Curit- 3 rd
<i>Musician and Cantor</i>	Katie Wiley Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Sandi Adams Choir	Sandi Adams Barbie Campbell
<i>Ushers</i>	Buz Bruzina George Heard Josh Boehm Teddy Tieyah	Mike Boeh Kellie Boeh Richard Gustafson Brandon Bechard	Connie Backhus Bob Catalo Larry Kramer Don Haffner	Mario Langas Humberto Cruz Correa Josh Lichtensteiger Mary Ann Vieyra
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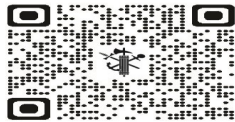


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